

# Reference Sources

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<b>Almanac:</b> book of facts that is updated every year	Find specific facts/verify current facts
<b>Atlas:</b> book of maps	Find a specific place
<b>Dictionary:</b> book of words and definitions; can be online or on CD-ROM	Find word meanings and spellings
<b>Thesaurus:</b> book of synonyms and antonyms	Find synonyms and antonyms to make writing more varied
<b>Encyclopedia:</b> books or articles on a variety of topics arranged alphabetically; also available on the Internet or on CD-ROM	Research general information on a topic
<b>Nonfiction Books:</b> books containing information on specific topics	Research a topic in detail
<b>Newspapers and Magazines:</b> daily, weekly, or monthly publications that present current information about a place or a topic	Find out information about events that happened on a particular day, week, or month
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