Reference Materials
Introduction:

• We use reference materials to help us with our research or writing.

• Reference materials give us factual information to make our work accurate and easy to understand.
The Dictionary:

- The dictionary is a book that gives definitions of words.
- It lists words in ABC order.
- By using guide words found at the top of each page, we can find the location of the entry word.
The Thesaurus:

- The thesaurus is used to help us with our writing.
- It lists synonyms and antonyms so we may add variety to our word choices.
- Words are in ABC order.
- Not all thesauruses have antonyms.
The Atlas:

- An atlas is a book of maps.
- Maps are listed in ABC order.
- There are different types:
  - world atlases
  - atlases of countries
Encyclopedias:

- Encyclopedias are a set of books used to find information.
- Topics are listed in ABC order.
- Articles provide basic information about each topic.
The phone book lists names of people and businesses.

They are arranged in ABC order.

It includes their addresses and phone numbers (and sometimes their web sites or email addresses).
The Internet:

- The Internet is a worldwide network connecting millions of computers.
- It is a way to get information from all around the world through a computer.
- Search engines (like Google) are used to find information.

www. - stands for world wide web
The Almanac:

- The Almanac is a book that is published yearly.
- It includes weather forecasts, gardening tips, tide tables, Olympic Game results & other information.
- The Table of Contents can be used to help find a topic.

The Newspaper:

- The newspaper is a publication, usually published daily or weekly.
- It contains current news, editorials, articles, and advertisements.
- Articles are arranged in sections by topic such as: international, national and local news, sports and business.
- A Table of Contents is available.