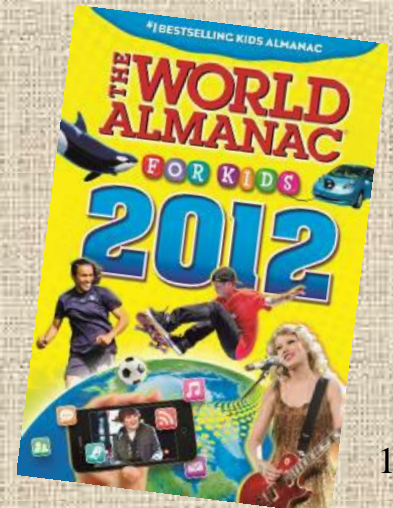
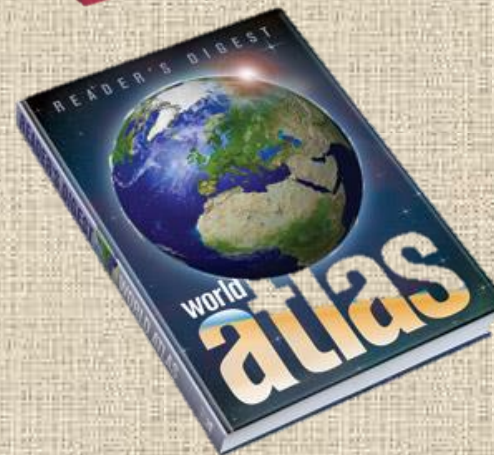
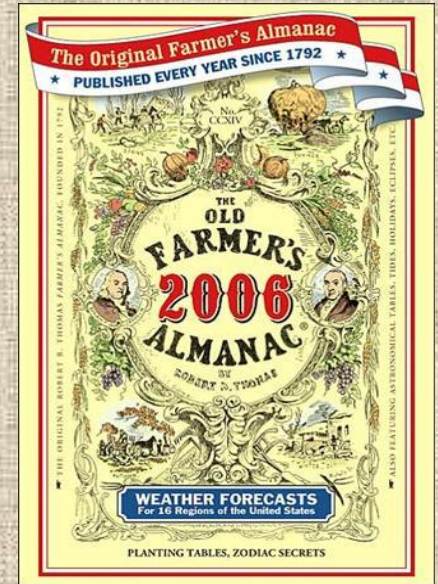
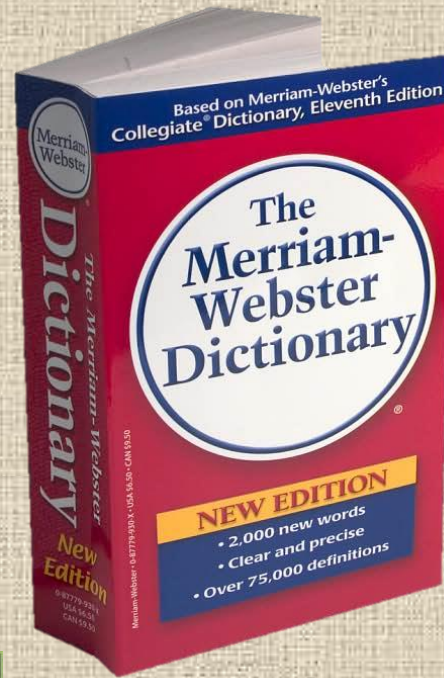
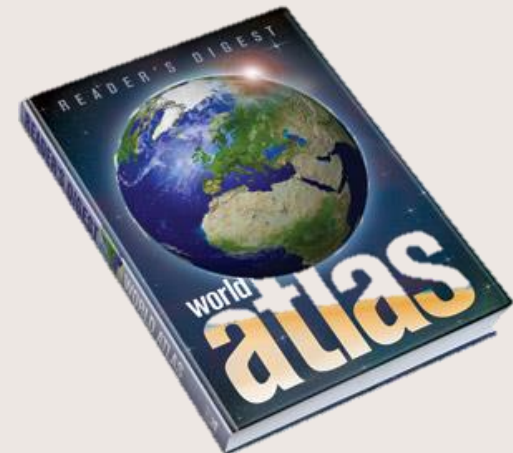
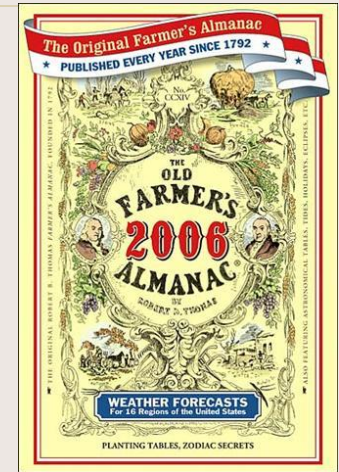
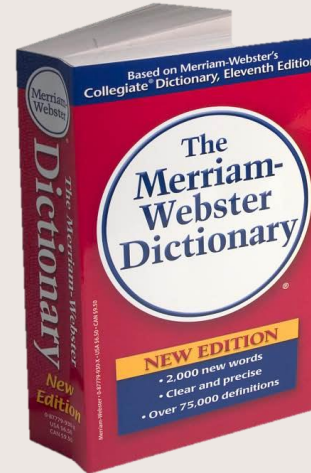


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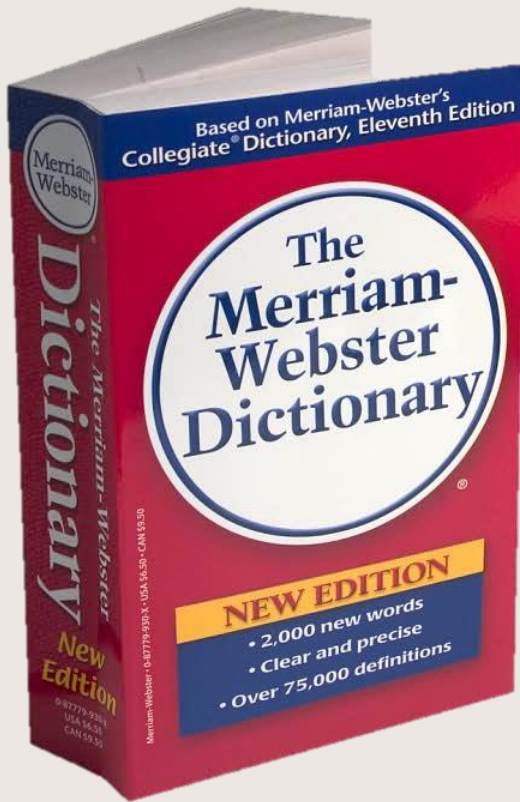


Introduction:

- 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.



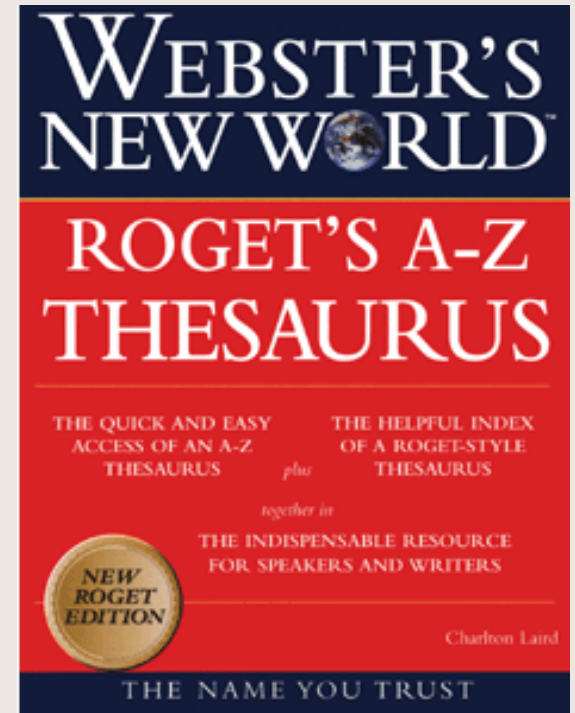
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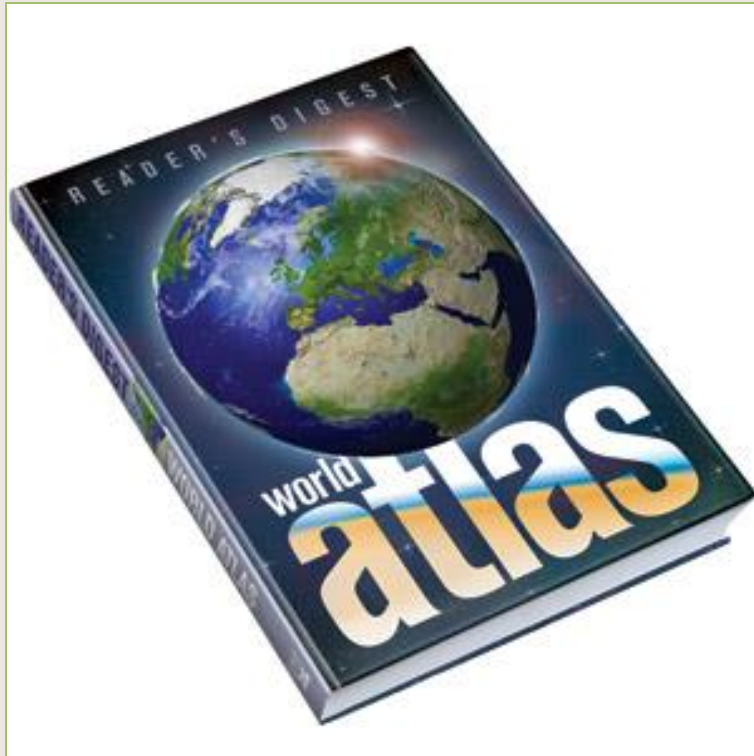
- The dictionary is a book that gives definitions of words.
- It lists words in **ABC order**.
- By using **guide words** found at the top of each page, we can find the location of the **entry word**.

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.



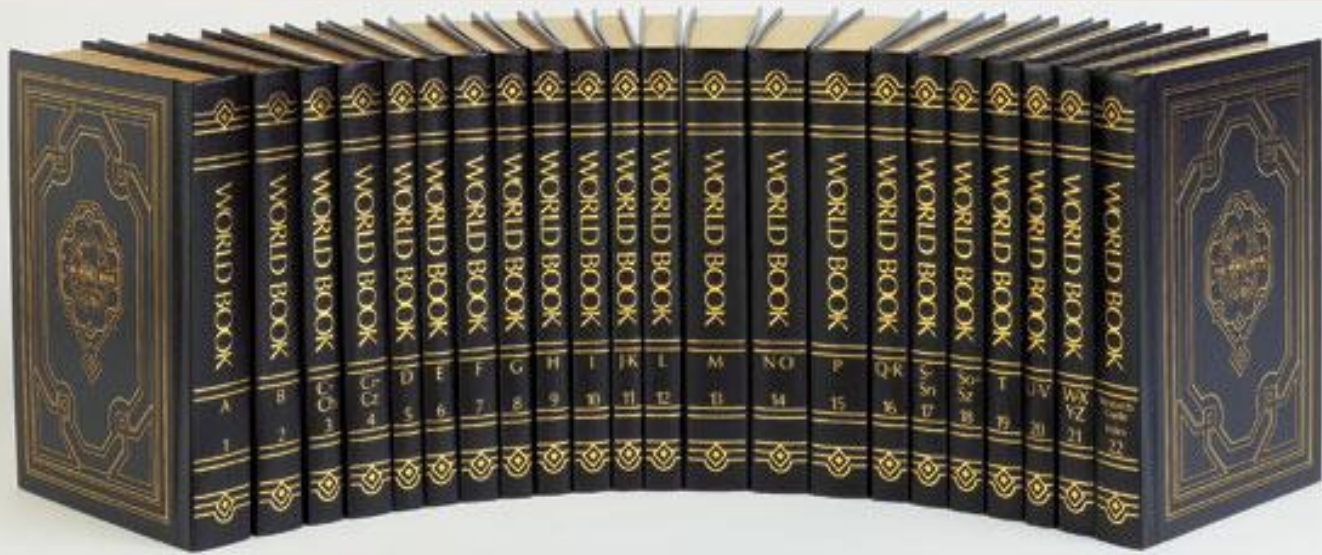
The Atlas:



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

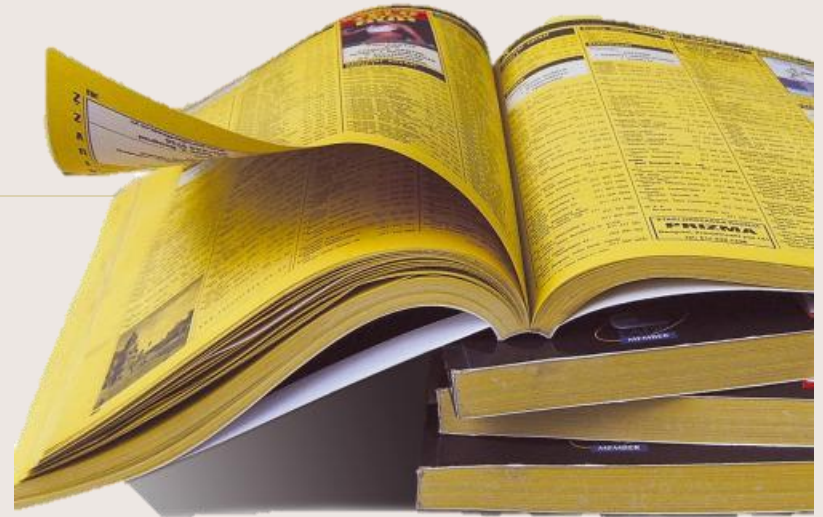
world atlases
atlases of
countries

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



- **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:

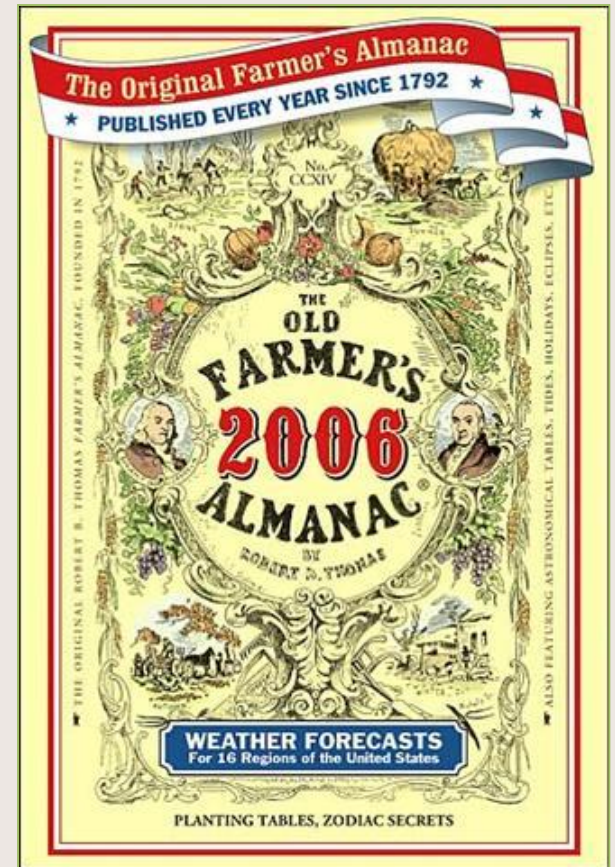


**www. - stands for
world wide web**

- **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.**

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.



<http://www.almanac.com/extras/2009/index.php>

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.**