Write the answers for items 1–6.

There are several kinds of reference books you can use to find information:

- A **dictionary** gives facts about words. It shows how to spell a word and how to pronounce it. It tells what part of speech a word is and what the word means. A dictionary also tells the history of words.

- An **atlas** gives facts about places. It contains maps of states, countries, and continents. It shows the distance from one place to another. It tells how many people live in each place.

- An **encyclopedia** gives facts about nearly everything. It tells about plants, planets, animals, agriculture, history, and famous people, among many other topics.

Which would be the best reference book for the following questions? Choose *dictionary*, *atlas*, or *encyclopedia*.

1. How do you spell the word *doughnut*?
2. How far is it from Denver to Kansas City?
3. What were the main events in Duke Ellington’s life?
4. When did the Civil War take place?
5. How many people live in Mexico City?
6. How do you pronounce the word *succinct*?