'Fly swat' question and answer cards (TEACHER SUMMARY)

Ministry for the Environment	Under the RMA this agency provides policy advice, works with other agencies and stakeholders to improve environmental outcomes and compiles and disseminates information on a wide range of environmental matters. It has about 300 staff and an annual budget of around \$68 million. Has a Wellington-based head office and other offices located in Auckland and Christchurch. What is the name of this government agency?
Department of Conservation	Under the RMA and other legislation this agency manages New Zealand's conservation lands and oversees the coastal environment. It also, more generally, promotes the conservation of natural and historic resources. It has about 1770 staff and an annual budget of around \$290 million. It has a Wellington-based head office and regional offices located in Hamilton and Christchurch. It also has 13 conservancies and numerous visitor centres and field offices throughout the country. What is the name of this government agency?
Regional council	Charged with the integrated management of the natural and physical resources of a region, this agency has many responsibilities under the RMA including: soil conservation water quality and quantity (freshwater and seawater) air water and land pollution biodiversity conservation marine and freshwater ecosystems activities in the coastal marine area (in conjunction with the Minister of Conservation) What is the name of this local government agency?
Regional Council	Under the RMA which agency must prepare regional plans?

Territorial authority (includes district and city councils)	This agency has a wide range of functions under the Act (section 31), including controlling: • Effects of the use of land and associated natural and physical resources • Natural hazards, the management of hazardous substances, contaminated sites • Land subdivision • Noise • Activities on the surfaces of rivers and lakes. What is the name of this local government agency?
Territorial authority (includes district and city councils)	Under the RMA which agency must prepare a District Plan?
District Plan	Under the RMA, in what kind of Plan (district or regional) would you expect to find information on the effect of land use and noise?
Regional Plan	Under the RMA is the Coastal Plan an example of a District or a Regional Plan?
Yes	Is it possible to have input into the development of a Regional or District Plan via a submission process?
Yes	Is it possible to have input into the granting of some resource consents via a submission process?
Yes	Is there more than one type of resource consent?
No	Is an Assessment of Environmental Effects only required with coastal permit applications?
No	Is a resource consent required for an activity that has been classified as 'permitted'?

Land use consent	There are five types of resource consent. Four are listed below. What is the fifth? 1. Subdivision consent 2. Water permit 3. Coastal permit 4. Discharge permit 5. ?
Land use consent	If you wish to do something that breaks a national environmental standard, a regional rule or a district rule that involves building on land – what kind of resource consent will you need?
Land use consent	If you wish to do something that breaks a national environmental standard, a regional rule or a district rule that involves disturbing habitats of plants and animals or depositing substances on land, what kind of resource consent will you need?
Subdivision consent	If you wish to subdivide land – what kind of resource consent will you need?
Coastal permit	If you wish to conduct an activity in the coastal marine area that is not expressly allowed by a national environmental standard or by a rule in a Regional Coastal Plan – what type of resource consent will you need?
True	True or false? The overriding purpose of the RMA is to promote sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
True	True or false? No person is allowed to use land in a manner that breaks a rule in a District Plan without a consent (section 9).
True	True or false?

	When a resource consent applicant asks you to give written approval to a consent application it is probably because the local authority has indicated that it will not notify the application if the written approval of affected parties can be obtained.
False	True or false? A District Plan does not have to be consistent with a Regional Plan.
False	True or false? All resource consent applications are publicly notified.
False	True or false? If you make a submission on a consent application you always have to go to the hearing to present your submission in person.
False	True or false? Only the City or Regional Council can apply for a change to a Plan once it has become operative.
True	True or false? The RMA defines Kaitiakitanga as the exercise of guardianship by the tangata whenua of an area in accordance with tikanga Māori in relation to natural and physical resources; and includes the ethic of stewardship.