

NEW ZEALAND

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

What do you think of when you hear "New Zealand? Write down 3–6 things:

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NEW ZEALAND IN A NUTSHELL

How much do you already know about New Zealand? Read the following statements and decide if they are true or false. If you don't know, try to guess.

- 1 New Zealand is twice the size of the Republic of Ireland.
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- 2 There are five sheep for every person in New Zealand.
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- 3 New Zealand is a former British colony.
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- 4 There is a constellation (= pattern of stars) on the New Zealand flag.
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- 5 In a referendum, New Zealanders decided to change their flag.
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- 6 English is the only official language of New Zealand.
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- 7 About 30% of New Zealanders can speak Maori.
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- 8 New Zealand Sign Language is completely different from British Sign Language.
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Listen to the recording again and answer the following questions.

- 1 Which other countries were mentioned in the recording as having the British monarch as head of state?

- 2 Where can you see the Southern Cross?

- 3 When did the New Zealand flag referendum take place?

- 4 What is the silver fern?

- 5 What does *kia ora* mean?
