

# 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?  
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- 2 Where can you see the Southern Cross?  
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- 3 When did the New Zealand flag referendum take place?  
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- 4 What is the silver fern?  
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- 5 What does *kia ora* mean?  
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