

Aotearoa New Zealand Knowledge-athon

Below are 80 questions for you to study. 60 of these questions will be in the Knowledge-athon!

'Our Native Species' section:

What is the Māori name for the Fantail?

Approximately how many of New Zealand's native plant and animal species are deemed to be threatened or at risk of extinction- 1000, 2000, 3000 or 4000?

What kind of bird is this?



The national bird of New Zealand is?

New Zealand has six species of native parrot. Three of them are parakeets (kākāriki, pictured) – what are the other three:

Kea, Kākā, Kākāpō?

Takahē, Tōrea, Tāiko?

Kōtare, kererū, kōkako?



New Zealand has only one type of native land mammal. What is it?

What did early European settlers call the Tūī?

How many species of kiwi still exist- 3, 4 or 5?



Only one native bird is naturally found exclusively in alpine areas (hint: It's not the kea). Is it the Bellbird (Korimako), the Rock Wren (Pīwauwau) or the Chatham Islands Black Robin?

Which native freshwater species can grow longer than 2m and live for more than 100 years- The Southern Flathead Galaxias, the Torrentfish (Panoko), or the Longfin Eel (Tuna)?

What is the English name of the bird that has the Māori name 'ruru'?

What distinguishes New Zealand's four native frog species from frogs found overseas- is it that they don't croak, that they are nocturnal, they don't camouflage or that they don't jump?



Which native species is the only one known to be venomous, so much so that one bite can be deadly to humans?

What is the name of the extinct group of large, flightless birds that were endemic to New Zealand?

Powelliphanta is the umbrella name for which group of (relatively) large, carnivorous land species only found in New Zealand?

General Knowledge section:

What is the Māori name for Performing Arts?

A Māori proverb concludes that the most important thing in the world is: He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. What does that mean in English?

How many official languages are there in NZ?

Which famous Māori politician is featured on the New Zealand \$50 note?



How many stars does the New Zealand flag have- 3, 4 or 5?

Who is the current Prime Minister of New Zealand?

What is the constellation on the New Zealand flag?

What animal is pictured on the \$2 coin?

Aotearoa means what in English?

New Zealand has a great variety of scenery which has led to it being the location for many movies. Which one of these series of films was made in New Zealand- Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings or Star Wars?

Which bird is on the back of the five dollar bank note?

What does 'L&P' stand for?



Which singer from New Zealand is known for the songs "Royals", "Green Light" and "Perfect Places"?

Which New Zealand native tree has yellow flowers?



According to Māori mythology, who is the Sky Father?

'Our History' section:

Who was the Maori chief that continually cut down the European flagpole in Aotearoa?



Which adrenaline activity was invented in New Zealand by A.J. Hackett and opened in 1988?

Who won the Supreme Halberg Award this year- Zoi Sadowski-Synnott, Jordie Barrett, or Ruby Tui?

Who was the first female Prime Minister of New Zealand- Helen Clark, Jenny Shipley or Jacinda Ardern?

The government invasion of Parihaka and unlawful arrest of Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi was on November 5 of which year?



What was the name of James Cook's ship he sailed to Aotearoa New Zealand in?

In which year was te reo Māori recognised as an official language of New Zealand- 1967, 1977 or 1987?



In what year was New Zealand the first country to give women the vote?



Who was Iriaka Rātana?



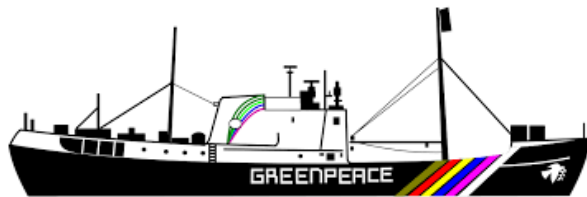
New Zealand's Black Ferns recently won the 2021 Rugby World Cup. Which team did they beat in the final?

What does ANZAC stand for?

Who led the Land March to Parliament in 1975?



Which year was the Rainbow Warrior sunk by French spies?



Which New Zealand tragedy occurred in 1979- the Erebus disaster, the Ballantyne's fire, or the Tangiwai disaster?

What year did Tenzing Norgay and Hillary conquer Mount Everest?



Where was the first capital city of New Zealand?

Who was James Busby?

Which city in New Zealand suffered a series of devastating earthquakes in 2010?

What was the name of the Dutch explorer who was the first European to discover New Zealand?



Who was the first person to split the atom?

What was the name of the first Māori chief to sign the Treaty of Waitangi?



Name 3 of the 7 Māori waka which arrived on the shores of Aotearoa bringing the first tribes to what was later known as New Zealand:

Who was the first person to fly solo from England to New Zealand?

How many times has New Zealand won the Rugby World Cup- 4, 5 or 6?

The Treaty of Waitangi was signed in which year?

Which New Zealand woman was responsible for making NZ the first country in the world to grant women the vote?

'Our Places' section:

What is the Māori name for New Zealand's highest mountain- Mount Ruapehu, Tititea or Aoraki?



What is the name of the bird that travels 29,000 km from the far reaches of the northern hemisphere to the sandspit at Te Atatū?



In which New Zealand city can you find the Sky Tower?

What is the name of our local reserve that looks across towards the city?



What does 'Te Atatū' mean in te reo Māori?

Which is the first city to see the sun- Christchurch, Tauranga or Gisborne?

What is the name of Auckland's Western Harbour?



What is New Zealand's longest river- the Whanganui River, the Waikato River or the Clutha River?



Which area gets the most annual rainfall- Whangarei, Hokitika or Milford Sound?

What is the northernmost tip of New Zealand called?

What is the name of the sea between New Zealand and Australia- the Pacific Ocean or the Tasman Sea?



Which harbour in Auckland has a name that means 'sparkling waters'?



Name the island off the southern coast of the South Island. Is it Stewart Island/Rakiura, Great Barrier Island Aotea or Kapiti Island?

What is the name of the stretch of water which separates the South Island from the North Island- the Foveaux Strait or the Cook Strait?

What is the largest city in the south island- Nelson, Dunedin or Christchurch?

In what year did the Auckland Harbour Bridge open?

Which is the oldest university in New Zealand- University of Otago, University of Auckland, or Waikato University?



Which island off Auckland can you visit to tour more than 30 vineyards, take a walk along Cable Bay, and swim at Onetangi Beach?

Name the missing mountain: Ngauruhoe, Tongariro, ?



In what New Zealand town can you see this carrot?



Which city in New Zealand constantly smells of sulphur?

Where is the capital city of New Zealand- Auckland, Christchurch or Wellington?

What is the common name of the Parliament building in New Zealand?



What is the Māori word for Auckland?

What city is the Art Deco capital of New Zealand- Rotorua, Wellington or Napier?

