

**Aotearoa**

**Approach:** One to one

**Level:** Year 4 and year 8

**Focus:** The naming of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

**Resources:** Map of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

**Questions/instructions:**

**Show map.**

Here is a map of New Zealand.

- How did New Zealand get the name “New Zealand”?

*PROMPT: Is there anything else you know about how New Zealand got its name?*



New Zealand is often called “Aotearoa”.

**Point to name: Aotearoa.**

- Try to explain the name “Aotearoa” to me. How did we get the name Aotearoa?

*PROMPT: Is there anything else you know about the name Aotearoa?*

		% responses	
		y4	y8
<b>Named by:</b>	(Abel) Tasman	0	3
	Dutch explorer, first (non-Māori) to discover New Zealand	0	2
	Dutch explorer	1	1
	first (non-Māori) person to discover New Zealand	4	5
	Captain Cook	7	14
	the pakeha, Europeans	3	2
<b>Reason for name:</b>	after “Zeeland”, a place in Holland	3	5
	after a place Tasman knew	0	1
	after a place the explorer knew	1	4
	after another place (vague)	4	7
	early Māori explorers/settlers	7	11
<b>Reason for name:</b>	Kupē or Maui	3	2
	Māori people	48	48
	explorers/settlers	0	1
	appearance-land of the long white cloud	7	28
	part of above	4	11

**Commentary:**

The results show very limited knowledge of how Aotearoa/New Zealand got its name.