

Samoan Family

Trend task

Approach: Station

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Focus: Characteristics of New Zealand.

Resources: Samoa card.

Questions/instructions:

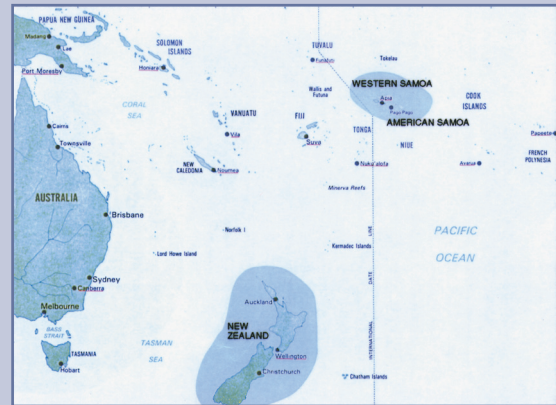
Imagine that the two children shown in the photograph are coming to live in New Zealand. They have lived all of their lives in Samoa, so New Zealand will seem a very different place for them.

The map shows Samoa and New Zealand.

Imagine that you are going to write a letter to the two children to give them important information about New Zealand — information that will help them to understand what New Zealand is like as a place to live, and what is special about New Zealand.

Instead of writing a full letter, think of all of the things you would put in the letter, then write them down as a list.

Don't worry about spelling. If you need help with a word ask the teacher.



| Included ideas related to: | % responses | |
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| | 2001 ('97) year 4 | 2001 ('97) year 8 |
| climate | 24 (18) | 32 (40) |
| population/people | 22 (25) | 42 (49) |
| geography/landscape, scenery/cities/ environment/flora/fauna | 61 (31) | 72 (70) |
| Māori | 4 (3) | 10 (2) |
| Samoans in New Zealand | 1 (1) | 3 (4) |
| food | 25 (25) | 28 (35) |
| housing | 31 (29) | 29 (37) |
| transport | 14 (16) | 9 (13) |
| sports/recreation/leisure | 27 (23) | 38 (36) |
| schooling/education | 18 (23) | 28 (40) |
| clothing | 9 (17) | 10 (27) |
| language | 8 (12) | 15 (16) |
| religion | 1 (1) | 3 (4) |
| health | 2 (0) | 2 (1) |
| economy/jobs/commerce | 15 (18) | 12 (31) |
| other cultural features | 10 (9) | 28 (34) |
| explicit comparisons of Samoa and New Zealand | 9 (8) | 14 (21) |

| Total number of appropriate ideas: | % responses | |
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| | 2001 ('97) year 4 | 2001 ('97) year 8 |
| 8 or more | 4 (1) | 14 (19) |
| 6-7 | 10 (9) | 21 (23) |
| 4-5 | 29 (22) | 34 (39) |
| 2-3 | 40 (37) | 21 (17) |
| 0-1 | 17 (31) | 10 (2) |
| Overall rating : | <i>(what to expect in NZ)</i> | |
| excellent/very good | 3 (1) | 11 (18) |
| good | 17 (8) | 29 (30) |
| moderate | 34 (34) | 39 (42) |
| poor | 46 (57) | 21 (10) |

Commentary

Only 20 percent of year 4 students and 40 percent of year 8 students were rated as having provided a good, very good or excellent description of New Zealand for these Samoan immigrants. Year 4 students did a little better in 2001 than in 1997 but the converse was true for year 8 students.