

Knowing New Zealand

Approach: Independent

Level: Year 8 only

Resources: None

Questions/instructions	% responses
Put a tick by the best answer.	y8
1. The number that is the closest to New Zealand's population in 1997:	
30,642,550	13
✓3,642,550	78
364,255	9
2. How often do New Zealanders usually vote for members of parliament?	
every year	21
every 2 years	20
✓every 3 years	25
every 4 years	34
3. One of the main purposes of Parliament is:	
to make money	9
✓to make laws	31
to make people important	15
to enforce laws	45
4. In 1996, New Zealand got a new system for parliament. This is known by which initials?	
FPP	3
✓MMP	92
ANZAC	5
Write your answer on the line.	
5. What do these letters stand for:	
MP member of Parliament	55
ANZAC in full	35
A=Australia	20
NZ=New Zealand	27
A=Army	10
C=Corps	2
6. The first Maori settlers arrive in New Zealand about how many years ago?	
no response	14
<51 years	6
51-100 years	7
101-200 years	11
210-500 years	16
✓501-1500 years	24
>1500 years	22
7. The first white settlers arrived in New Zealand about how many years ago?	
no response	13
<51 years	8
51-100 years	11
✓101-250 years	25
250-500 years	15
>500 years	28

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Draw lines to match the titles with the people.	y8
8.	
The Sovereign	Ms Helen Clark
Governor General of New Zealand	Mr Jim Bolger
Prime Minister of New Zealand	Queen Elizabeth II
	Sir Michael Hardy-Boyes
Sovereign:	✓Queen 44
	Clark 24
	Hardy-Boyes 23
	Bolger 1
	omit 8
Governor-General:	✓Hardy-Boyes 45
	Clark 40
	Queen 6
	Bolger 3
	omit 6
Prime Minister:	✓Bolger 91
	Hardy-Boyes 2
	Clark 2
	Queen 1
	omit 4
9.	
Treaty of Waitangi signed	1066
Abel Tasman reached New Zealand	1769
Captain Cook reached New Zealand	1840
	1642
Treaty signed	✓1840 67
	1769 11
	1642 9
	1066 4
	omit 9
Tasman arrived:	✓1642 38
	1769 29
	1066 12
	1840 9
	omit 12
Cook arrived:	✓1769 36
	1642 30
	1066 17
	1840 7
	omit 10