

# New Zealand's Shape



**Approach:** One to one

**Level:** Year 4 and year 8

**Focus:** How places are described.

**Resources:** Two pictures.

**Questions/instructions:**

**Put picture 1 in front of student.** Here is a map of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

**Put picture 2 in front of student.** Here is a map of Aotearoa/New Zealand shown as a fish and a canoe.

Try to explain to me why Aotearoa/New Zealand has been shown as a fish and a canoe.

**Picture 1**



**Picture 2**



	% responses			% responses	
	y4	y8		y4	y8
student mentioned Maui	24	46	<b>Elaboration of story:</b>	very detailed	1 2
student mentioned story of fishing up island or New Zealand	22	43		quite detailed	8 19
student commented on North Island as fish	21	34		limited	18 29
student commented on canoe as South Island	19	27		no knowledge of story	73 50

**Commentary:**

About half of the year 8 students and three quarters of the year 4 students had very little or no knowledge of this Māori story.