

New Zealand's Shape



Approach: One to one

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Focus: How places are described.

Resources: Two pictures.

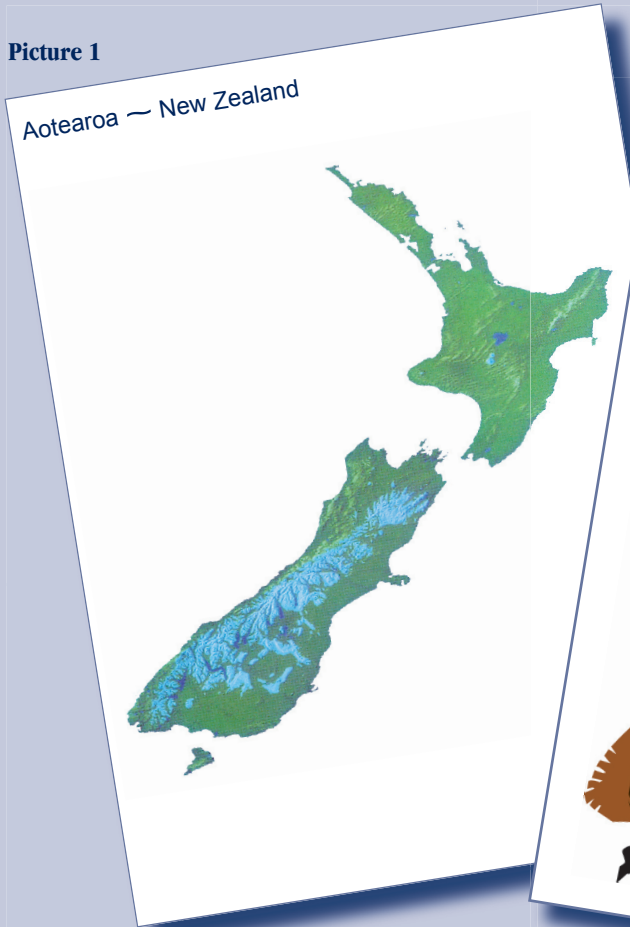
Questions/instructions:

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	
	y4	y8
student mentioned Maui	24	46
student mentioned story of fishing up island or New Zealand	22	43
student commented on North Island as fish	21	34
student commented on canoe as South Island	19	27

	% responses	
	y4	y8
Elaboration of story:	very detailed	1 2
	quite detailed	8 19
	limited	18 29
	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.