

New Zealand's Flag

Approach: One to one

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Resources: Picture of the New Zealand flag.

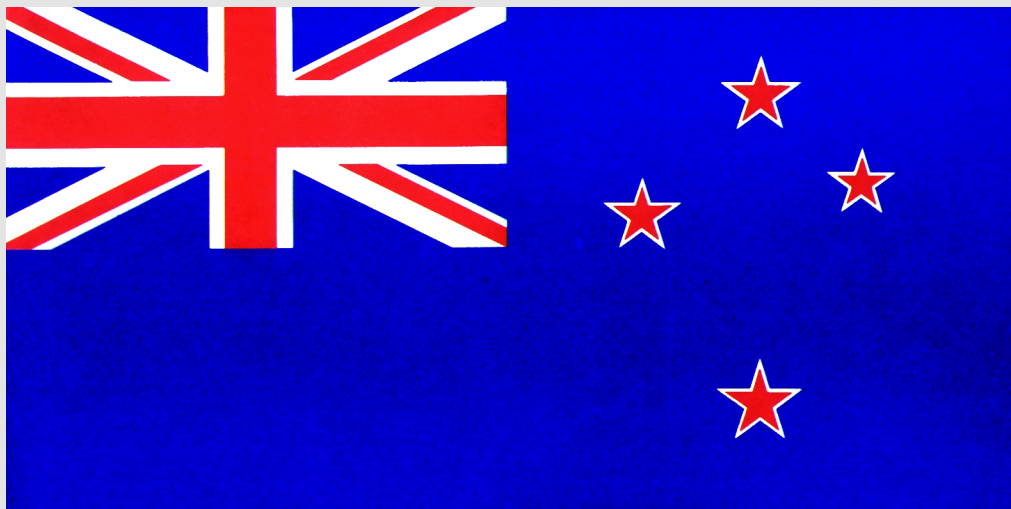
Questions/instructions

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year 4 year 8

Here is a picture of New Zealand's flag.
Try to explain to me what the different parts of the flag mean.

Prompts: If 'British' mentioned, ask why there is something British on the New Zealand flag.

If 'stars' mentioned, ask what the stars might mean, and why they are on New Zealand's flag.



Union Jack: reference to British flag, England, etc. :

yes, clearly	6	40
yes, vaguely	7	14
other interpretation	27	15
none	60	31

Stars: reference to Southern Cross:

yes	8	32
other interpretation	40	29
none	52	39

Commentary

Arguably, the New Zealand flag is a significant and unique symbol of our national identity. The large majority of students at year 4 and year 8 struggled to explain the meaning or significance of the different parts of the flag.