### QUICK QUIZ

Test your knowledge of New Zealand.

1. Which city is the capital of New Zealand? a) Sydney; b) Wellington; c) Auckland.
2. What are the native people of New Zealand called? a) Aborigine; b) Inuit; c) Maori.
3. What season is it in December in New Zealand? a) winter; b) spring; c) summer.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Match the words from the article with the definitions. The paragraph number will also help you find the correct word.

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1. a thick strong string or rope _______________ (paragraph 2)
2. another word for place _______________ (paragraph 3)
3. a large area of beautiful countryside that is protected _______________ (paragraph 4)
4. a path in the countryside _______________ (paragraph 4)
5. an old traditional story _______________ (paragraph 4)
6. trees, plants and bushes _______________ (paragraph 4)
7. someone or something that has lived in an area for a very very long time _______________ (paragraph 4)
8. a slang word for special clothes and equipment you need for a particular activity _______________ (paragraph 7)
9. the boss on a boat; another word for captain _______________ (paragraph 7)
10. a short journey where you go somewhere and come back again _______________ (paragraph 7)
11. when a plant or animal contains something that can hurt or harm you it is _______________ (paragraph 9)
12. another country across a sea _______________ (paragraph 9)
13. natural things such as trees, hills and mountains that you can see _______________ (paragraph 10)
14. someone whose job it is to save a swimmer who is in danger _______________ (paragraph 10)
New Zealand: Air, Land and Sea

Say “New Zealand”, and most people think of fantastic beaches, forests, mountains and oceans. And you can enjoy this beautiful country by doing exciting activities. There’s skydiving, white-water rafting, climbing, canyoning, kayaking, mountain biking, snowboarding, hiking, swimming, paragliding – and, of course, bungee jumping.

Air: Bungeeeeee!!!!!
Would you jump off a bridge with just a cord to save you? Millions of people already have – especially in New Zealand, the home of bungee jumping!

Mitchell Walker, 21, comes from Queenstown in New Zealand. It’s a small town on the South Island. On his 13th birthday, Mitchell got an unusual present. He won a radio competition, and his prize was a bungee jump from Kawarau Bridge – the world’s first and most famous jump location. “It was just awesome,” Mitchell remembers. Mitchell says he was a little scared. “Flying through the air, falling towards the river below – that makes you feel free.”

Land: Park life
With 14 national parks, New Zealand is filled with wonder – full plants, wildlife and hiking trails. Flyn Hocart-Saunders, 21, loves the outdoors. “I have a great respect for nature,” he says. In summer Flyn, from Opotiki, works in the North Island’s Te Urewera National Park. Flyn takes tourists through the park’s wild forests. “We spend three to four days with our groups – telling them about the trees, animals and Maori legends.” The park is almost completely covered in vegetation, even on some of the highest mountains. And nearly all of New Zealand’s native birds live in the forest, including the kiwi.

In winter Flyn works on Mount Ruapehu, a volcano and the North Island’s best skiing area, in Tongariro National Park. Flyn’s motto is, “Respect the mountain, and hope the mountain respects you.”

Sabine Jahn, 16, from Heilbronn in Germany, loved visiting Tongariro National Park. Last December, during her year at school in Auckland, Sabine spent a week hiking, cycling, swimming and white-water rafting at Taurewa Camp.

Water, water everywhere
Under the sea, a new world is waiting. And 18-year-old Shayni Hawkins wants to take you there. “It was a childhood dream of mine to be able to breathe underwater,” says Shayni, who’s been scuba-diving for more than a year. She works for the company Dive Tutukaka. “My day starts with cleaning the boat and preparing lunch,” she says. “We check the diving gear before we welcome people onto the boat. The skipper tells everyone about the trip and safety on the boat.”

Shayni lives in Tutukaka, a town on New Zealand’s northeastern coast. Diving tours take people to Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve – one of the world’s best places for diving. Shayni says, “The current brings subtropical fish from Australia. The Lord Howe coral fish has yellow and black stripes. It’s really beautiful. There’s also the ugly scorpion fish, which is poisonous! It’s hard to see when it changes colour to look like coral.”

Shayni feels very lucky to have her job. “You meet lots of people. About half of the visitors are from other countries. It’s nice to learn about other places. I really want to dive overseas,” she says.

Safe at sea
New Zealand’s Waitakere beaches, near Auckland, are famous for their spectacular scenery, huge waves and black sand. One of the most famous beaches is Piha. It’s three kilometres long, with black-and-gold sand. This area is Jessica Waterer’s home.

In the summer, Jessica, 19, works as a lifeguard at Piha beach. More than 3,000 New Zealanders spend their summers working as lifeguards. They’re extremely important for the safety of the swimmers at New Zealand’s many beaches. “It’s such a cool job,” Jessica says. “I work outside in the sun, on the beach. I save lives and get paid for it!”

• Bungee jumping comes from a ritual in the South Pacific islands of Vanuatu. To test their courage, young men jump off towers with vines tied to their ankles.
• Kawarau Bridge, near Queenstown became the world’s first commercial bungee jump, in 1988.
• To do most jumps, you must be at least 10 years old and weigh between 35 and 245 kilograms.
Dear ____________

I am in ____________ in New Zealand. The weather here is ____________! Yesterday I went ____________ in ____________, it was awesome! Next week I’m going to ____________.

See you soon.

Love ____________
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7 ROLE-PLAY: GROUP WORK FOR 2-6 STUDENTS
Each student completes the sentences on one of the role cards using information from the article. The reporter should fill in the missing words in the questions. You can add some ideas and extra information of your own. One student is the reporter; the other students are the people from the article. Why not practice your interviews and then record or video them?

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1. b) South of Australia
2. b) Wellington
3. c) Maori
4. b) kiwi
5. a) 4 million
6. c) summer
7. b) NZ dollars

2
1. cord
2. location
3. national park
4. trail
5. legend
6. vegetation
7. native
8. gear
9. skipper
10. trip
11. poisonous
12. overseas
13. scenery
14. lifeguard

3
air
skydiving, paragliding, bungee jumping (also: parabungeeing, bungee swinging, sky jumping)

land
climbing, canyoning, mountain biking, snowboarding, skiing, hiking, cycling

water
white-water rafting, kayaking, swimming, scuba-diving

4
Mitchell