



# New Zealand

New Zealand is an island country in the Southwest Pacific Ocean. The country is situated on two main islands – the North Island and the South Island.



# Wellington is the capital of New Zealand.



New Zealand is a constitutional monarchy. The British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, is the monarch of New Zealand.





The first people who settled in New Zealand were a brown-skinned people called Maoris.

New Zealand has volcanoes, mountains, tropical forests and rivers of ice.





On the North Island you can find big volcanoes like Egmont and Tongariro.

Also New Zealand has a lot of geysers and lakes of bubbling mud.





South Island is larger than North Island. There are the snow-capped Southern Alps and Mount Cook.



**Mount Cook**

**Southern Alps**

South Island is very beautiful. Here you can see the Sunderland Falls, where water drops from the height of 600 meters.



The climate is mild at all season. There is no much difference of temperature between winter and summer.



New Zealand has one of the highest standard of living in the world.



New Zealand's economy depends on trade with many countries – Australia, Britain, Japan and the the United States.



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