



New Zealand is comprised of two main islands (North Island, South Island) and around 600 smaller islands. It lies 1500km east of Australia. Most of the five million people who live in Zealand are on the North and South islands.

The top three cities by population are: Auckland: 1.5 million, Wellington: 400,000, and Christchurch: 390,000. Approximately one-third of the country is national parkland and marine reserves. There are nine sheep for each person. That's the highest sheep to person ratio in the world.

Organized bungee jumping got started in New Zealand.  
The term spud (potato) is a New Zealand creation  
Kiwifruit was originally called Chinese Gooseberries.

New Zealand has its own distinct accent with clipped consonants. Similar to Australian English without rolling the r. (As Americans / Canadians do)

New Zealand boasts quite a few famous people such as explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Lord of the Rings director Sir Peter Jackson, actors Sam Neill and Russel Crowe, and super model Rachel Hunter.

## ► Vocabulary

### Dairy (convenience store)

Let's stop at the dairy and grab a snack.

### Munted (weird)

Careful, there's a munted guy around the corner.

### Dunny? (toilet)

Where's the dunny?

### Big-huge (large)

Johnny got a big-huge cake for his birthday.

### She'll be right! (No problem/ don't worry!)

She'll be right! He knows how to get to the hotel.

### In a tick (in a minute)

I'll be there in a tick.

### Sweet as (Wonderful)

Your apartment is sweet as!

### Stuff all (nothing)

I did stuff all today.

## ► Example Sentences

### Make your own sentences about yourself:

1. (This cake is) sweet as. (Thank you!). - \_\_\_\_\_ sweet as. \_\_\_\_\_ !
2. (My brother) is (lazy) and does stuff all. - \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and does stuff all.
3. (At highschool) munted (guys) used to (play card games). - \_\_\_\_\_ munted \_\_\_\_\_ used to \_\_\_\_\_.