



e-lesson

Week starting: 28th January 2008

1. New Zealand

The subject of this week's lesson is the country of New Zealand, which celebrates its national day (Waitangi Day) on 6th February.

Level

Pre-intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level A2-B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Brainstorm on the subject of New Zealand. You could perhaps touch on some of the topics mentioned on Worksheet A.
2. Hand out Worksheet A, divide the students into pairs, and give them at least five minutes to put the mixed-up pieces of information back together again. Note that in purely grammatical terms there is more than one option in a couple of places, but there is only one way of maintaining the sense of the text.
4. When the time is up, check answers in open class and ask students to read out their sentences.
5. Hand out Worksheet B, and keeping the students in their pairs, allow them at least another five minutes to find and correct the mistakes. Each piece of information contains two mistakes. Point out that the mistakes are all grammatical or lexical, and that most corrections only require the students to change a word. No correction requires them to write more than one additional word.
6. Check answers in open class.
7. If you wish, finish by handing out copies of Worksheet C, which contains corrected versions of all the pieces of information.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.boloji.com/travels/030.htm>

New Zealand facts and trivia. Pre-intermediate level and above.

http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand

New Zealand entry from *Simple English Wikipedia*. Accessible to pre-intermediate level.

<http://www.newzealand.com/UK-Ireland/>

The website of the New Zealand national tourist office, which includes attractive photographs. The text is challenging, but some excerpts could be used with pre-intermediate level.



Answers (Parts A and B; corrections for Part B highlighted)

1. New Zealand, a country in the south-west of **the** Pacific Ocean, consists **of** two large islands.
2. An interesting historical fact about New Zealand is that **in** 1893 it became the first country in the world to give **women** the right to vote.
3. New Zealand has a lot of spectacular scenery, **including** lakes, forests and mountains. The scenery was the main reason why the **director** Peter Jackson made *The Lord of the Rings* films in New Zealand.
4. People from New Zealand are called New Zealanders, or sometimes ‘kiwis’. This is because the national **symbol** of the country is **a** large bird called the kiwi.
5. New Zealand is not a **crowded** country. **Its** population is only just over 4 million, while Britain, for example, which is about the same size, has a population of over 60 million.
6. The capital city, Wellington, is further south **than** any other capital city **in** the world.
7. New Zealand has an excellent climate for all **sorts** of outdoor activities, and many people go there to try ‘extreme sports’ **such as** bungee jumping.
8. Although it didn’t win the recent World Cup, many people think that New Zealand’s famous **national** rugby team, the All Blacks, is the best in the world. The team gets its name from the fact that it plays in black shirts, **shorts** and socks.
9. The **indigenous people** of New Zealand, who **were** living there before the Europeans arrived, are called Maoris.
10. New Zealand is **a** long way from any other country. **For** example, the closest country to the west, Australia, is about 2,000 kilometres away.

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WORKSHEET A

Exercise 1

Below are 12 pieces of information about the country of New Zealand that have been split into three parts and mixed up. Can you put them back together again?

1	New Zealand, a country	country. For example, the closest country to the west, Australia,	Peter Jackson made <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> films in New Zealand.
2	An interesting historical fact about New Zealand	population is only just over 4 million, while Britain, for example,	before the Europeans arrived, are called Maoris.
3	New Zealand has a lot of spectacular scenery,	of New Zealand, who were living there	any other capital city in the world.
4	People from New Zealand are called New Zealanders, or	is that in 1893 it became the first country in the world	its name from the fact that it plays in black shirts, shorts and socks.
5	New Zealand is not a crowded country. Its	outdoor activities, and many people go there	consists of two large islands.
6	The capital city,	including lakes, forests and mountains. The scenery was the main reason why the director	is about 2,000 kilometres away.
7	New Zealand has an excellent climate for all sorts of	in the south-west of the Pacific Ocean,	This is because the national symbol of the country is a large bird called the kiwi.
8	Although it didn't win the recent World Cup, many people think that New Zealand's famous	Wellington, is further south than	to try 'extreme sports' such as bungee jumping.
9	The indigenous people	national rugby team, the All Blacks, is the best in the world. The team gets	to give women the right to vote.
10	New Zealand is a long way from any other	sometimes 'kiwis'.	which is about the same size, has a population of over 60 million.

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Exercise 2

The pieces of information have been put back together again, but now each one contains two mistakes. Can you find and correct them?

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4. People from New Zealand are called New Zealanders, or sometimes 'kiwis'. This is because the national symble of the country is large bird called the kiwi.
5. New Zealand is not a crowd country. It's population is only just over 4 million, while Britain, for example, which is about the same size, has a population of over 60 million.
6. The capital city, Wellington, is further south as any other capital city on the world.
7. New Zealand has an excellent climate for all sort of outdoor activities, and many people go there to try 'extreme sports' as bungee jumping.
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New Zealand – Glossary

activity noun [count]

something that you do because you enjoy it or because it is interesting

Guests can enjoy plenty of activities, like swimming, surfing, and horse-riding.

bungee jumping noun [uncount]

the sport of jumping from a very high place while attached to a long piece of rubber that is just short enough to prevent you from hitting the ground.

capital noun [count]

the city where a country or region has its government

Madrid is the capital of Spain.

climate noun [uncount]

the type of weather that a country or region has
Mexico is renowned for its hot climate and spicy food.

consist of something phrasal verb

to be made of particular parts or things

Breakfast consisted of dry bread and a cup of tea.

crowded adjective

containing a lot of people, especially too many
a crowded street/train/restaurant

director noun [count]

someone who is in charge of making a film or programme, or getting a play ready for performance, especially by telling the actors and technical staff what to do

extreme sport noun [count/uncount]

a sport or activity that is exciting and dangerous, for example bungee jumping, white-water rafting, or snowboarding

fact noun [count]

a piece of true information

The classes are designed to help children discover basic scientific facts.

forest noun [count]

a large area of land covered by trees and other plants growing close together

My aunt loved to walk in the forest at sunrise.

historical adjective

connected with history or with the past

The Abbey is a major historical monument.

indigenous adjective

indigenous people lived in a place for a very long time before other people came to live there

island noun [count]

a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water

The hotel is the best on the island.

lake noun [count]

a large area of water that is surrounded by land

There were some boys swimming in the lake.

national adjective

relating to one particular nation and not including other nations

recent adjective

happening or starting a short time ago

a recent discovery/survey/study

right noun [count]

something that you are morally or legally allowed to do or have

Workers' rights are practically non-existent in many clothing factories here.

rugby noun [uncount]

a game played by two teams of players with a ball shaped like an egg. Goals are scored by kicking the ball over a high bar, and points called tries are scored by putting the ball behind the goal line.

scenery noun [uncount]

natural things such as trees, hills, and lakes that you can see in a particular place

shorts noun [plural]

short trousers that end at or above the knees

a pair of shorts

spectacular adjective

extremely impressive

We had a spectacular view of the coastline from the plane.

symbol noun [count]

a picture or shape used to represent something

A crescent moon was the symbol of the old Ottoman Empire.

vote verb

to formally express an opinion by choosing between two or more issues, people etc

The Council will vote on the proposal next Friday.