



Waitangi Day (B1 - Lower Intermediate)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. What do you know about New Zealand? (e.g. its location, climate, etc.)
2. Do you know anything it's famous for?
3. What do you know about the indigenous Māori people?

B – Listen and answer

Listen (without reading) and complete the Fact File on Waitangi Day.

Fact File: Waitangi Day

Waitangi Day is celebrated every year on ¹_____.

The Treaty of Waitangi was signed in the year ²_____.

It was an agreement between Māori chiefs and the ³_____.

The treaty was originally signed by ⁴_____ Māori chiefs.

Over ⁵_____ chiefs added their signatures later.

The treaty was written in English and ⁶_____.

The first official commemoration was in ⁷_____.

In 1974, Waitangi Day became a ⁸_____ in New Zealand.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. Why is the Treaty of Waitangi an important document?
2. Who were the first Europeans to settle in New Zealand?
3. What did the local tribes give merchants in exchange for guns and clothing?
4. Why did Māori chiefs make alliances with the British?
5. Why were there serious disagreements over the terms of the Waitangi Treaty?
6. What made it difficult for Māori to preserve their traditions in the 20th century?
7. When did they begin to defend their rights more firmly?
8. Why can Waitangi Day be a day of sadness for many Māori?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from singular to plural or vice versa.).

1. Jake said he can't take a holiday next week because he's got too many _____.
2. _____ is a plant. Its fibres are used to make linen articles, like sheets, towels or clothing.
3. I missed my appointment at the dentist's because there was a ___ about the time and date.
4. The company is _____ employees for its new branch in Paris.
5. Don't forget to pay the gas bill tomorrow. I'll send a _____ to your phone.
6. Before you sign the contract, make sure you agree to all the _____.

E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam? (Paper 1, Reading: Part 6)

Write one word only in each space.

New Zealand lies in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, east of Australia, from ¹_____ it is separated by the Tasman Sea. The country is ²_____ up of two large islands – the North Island and the South Island – and over 700 smaller islands. The ³_____ city is Wellington, but the largest city is Auckland. ⁴_____ of these are on the North Island.

New Zealand's geography is very varied. There are mountains, glaciers and volcanoes, as ⁵_____ as subtropical forests and vast plains. The ⁶_____ also varies greatly, from subtropical in the far north to cool and temperate in the far south and alpine in the mountainous areas.

F – Write about it

Write about your country, or another country you are interested in. Mention:

- its location;
 - its capital and largest cities;
 - its geographical features;
 - its climate.
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Answers: Waitangi Day (B1)

B – Listen and answer

1. 6th/6 February 2. 1840 3. British Crown 4. 43 5. 500/five hundred 6. Māori
7. 1934 8. public holiday

C – Read and answer

1. Because it's considered New Zealand's founding document./It continues to be a guide for the treatment of the Māori people today. 2. They were sealers, whalers, missionaries and merchants. 3. They gave them flax and tinder. 4. To protect themselves. 5. Because differences in its translation led to misunderstandings about the promises it made. 6. They felt pressured to assimilate into the colonial culture. 7. In the 1950s. 8. Because of the loss of their land, language and culture.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. commitments 2. Flax 3. misunderstanding 4. seeking 5. reminder 6. terms

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1. which 2. made 3. capital 4. Both 5. well 6. climate