

New Zealand - Geography Y5

Aotearoa



an opening in the earth's surface, usually in a mountain, where gas, magma and ash can escape (Mount Ruapehu)

volcano



a place where two tectonic plates meet: New Zealand is located on a plate boundary (a plate boundary runs through the South Island)

plate boundary



a vent in the Earth's surface that sometimes ejects water and steam in a jet (Rotorua)

geyser



a large landform that rises up above the surrounding land, formed by tectonic plates or volcanoes (Aoraki Mount Cook)

mountain

Te Ika-a-Māui (North Island)



Te Waipounamu (South Island)

Maori	people living in New Zealand from the earliest times, before the arrival of settlers or colonists
earthquake	a shaking of the surface of the earth : some earthquakes are caused by tectonic plates moving
tectonic plates	huge pieces of the earth's crust and mantle that move around causing earthquakes and volcanoes
tsunami	earthquake under the sea can cause huge waves called Tsunamis: the word means "harbour wave" in Japanese
biome	a community of plants and animals that have shared characteristics due to the environment they live in
industry	activity where raw materials are changed in goods that can be used and traded
commonwealth	a group of countries that voluntarily work together on issues such as human rights : many of these countries used to be part of the British Empire