

# Waitangi Day Activities

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## A. Get ready to read.

### 1. National days

Match the country and its national day.

#### Country

Australia

France

Ireland

The United Kingdom

The United States

New Zealand

#### National day

no official national day

July 14th

July 4th

January 26th

March 17th

February 6th

### 2.a. Read the definitions in the help box.

**neighbour** (n) normally, a person who lives next to you or close to you

**census** (n) normally every 10 years, the government asks residents to answer questions about where they live, their marriage status, their job, etc

**cloud** (n) when it rains, there are grey or black clouds.

**peace** (n) opposite of war / conflict

**citizen** (n) person who has the nationality of a country and the right to a passport

### b. Now fill in the blanks with words from the help box.

A \_\_\_\_\_ paints an important picture of the characteristics of a country's population.

She couldn't vote in the general election because she wasn't a British \_\_\_\_\_

Canada is the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.



### 3. Pronunciation: Write these words in the column corresponding to the pronunciation of the bold letters.

Australia ● New Zealand ● neighbour ● isolated ● empire ● peace ●  
citizen ● people ● sheep ● chief ● fly ● island ● Waitangi

/i:/ tree	/ɪ/ big	/aɪə/ fire	/aɪ/ my	/eɪ/ cake

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## B. The Geography of New Zealand..

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1. Look at the map of New Zealand and say all you can.



2. Find the missing words in this presentation.

New Zealand is located in the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. It's made up of three main \_\_\_\_\_

and a lot of small ones. The largest is \_\_\_\_\_ There are lots of mountains

in the \_\_\_\_\_ The capital city of New Zealand is \_\_\_\_\_.



**3. Read the first three paragraphs.**

**Tick the right box(es).**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a 1. Australia is 4,000 km long.   | <input type="checkbox"/> b 1. Kiwi is short for kiwifruit.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. New Zealand is 4,000 km long.   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Kiwi is the name of a bird.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. The distance between New Zealand and Australia is more than 4,000 km. | <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Kiwi is a nickname for people in New Zealand. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Australia is very close to New Zealand.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Kiwis fly all over the country.               |

**4. In your opinion, which words are the most important in the description of New Zealand?**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**5. The population of New Zealand is about 4.8 million. Can you guess the number of sheep?**

a. There are about \_\_\_\_\_

b. Where did you find the information in the text?

\_\_\_\_\_



**C. The history of New Zealand.**

**Read the rest of the text.**

**1. Find information about the Maori.**

a. When did they arrive in New Zealand?

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Where did they live before?

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Did they walk to New Zealand?

\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Fill in this grid.**

<b>Date of arrival</b>	Around. _____	1642	1769
<b>People</b>	Maori ( from _____ )	Dutch explorer Abel Tasman (from Holland)	Captain James Cook (from Britain)
<b>Name for the country</b>		Nieuw Zeeland	

**3.a. Now you can answer this question: Who are the Maori?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**b. How many Maori are there in New Zealand now?**

There are about \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Where did you find the information in the text?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Write a short presentation of the population of New Zealand using the information you found.**

First, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Then, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

After that, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

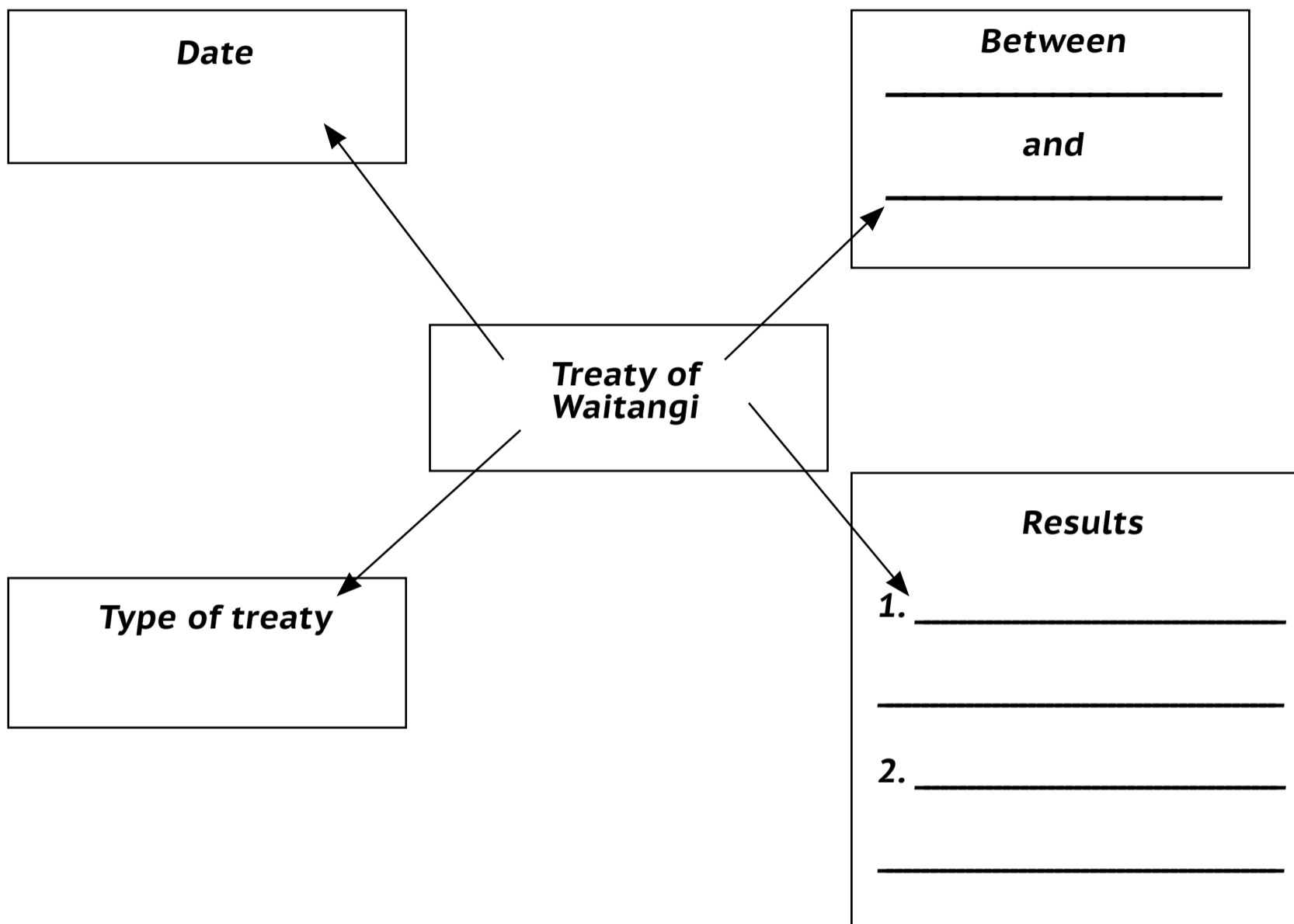
Today, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## D. Waitangi Day.

### 1. Fill in this mindmap.



### 2.a. Finish this sentence by ticking the right box.

After the treaty was signed, New Zealand became

- a Maori country  a British colony  a *Pakeha* country  an independent country

### b. What happened in 1906?

### c. Finish this sentence by ticking the right box.

After 1906,

- Maori culture was respected by the white population of New Zealand.  
 Maori culture was not respected by the white population of New Zealand.  
 Maori became very important members of the community in New Zealand.

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**Express your opinion.**

**Here is some information for you:**

**In 1985 the Maori language became one of the official languages of New Zealand.**

**So, do you think the Maori's situation today is**

**more difficult than in the past**  **better than in the past**

**not better than in the past?**

**Justify your answer with examples taken from the text.**

**I think** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_