

# **New Zealand – The Land and Its Legends**

**Level 3  
Student Workbook Answers**

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# Te Whanga-a-rei... Whangarei

*Carefully listen to the story on the CD-ROM of how Whangarei got its name.*

*After listening to the story, see if you can put the missing words from the bottom of the page into their correct places!*

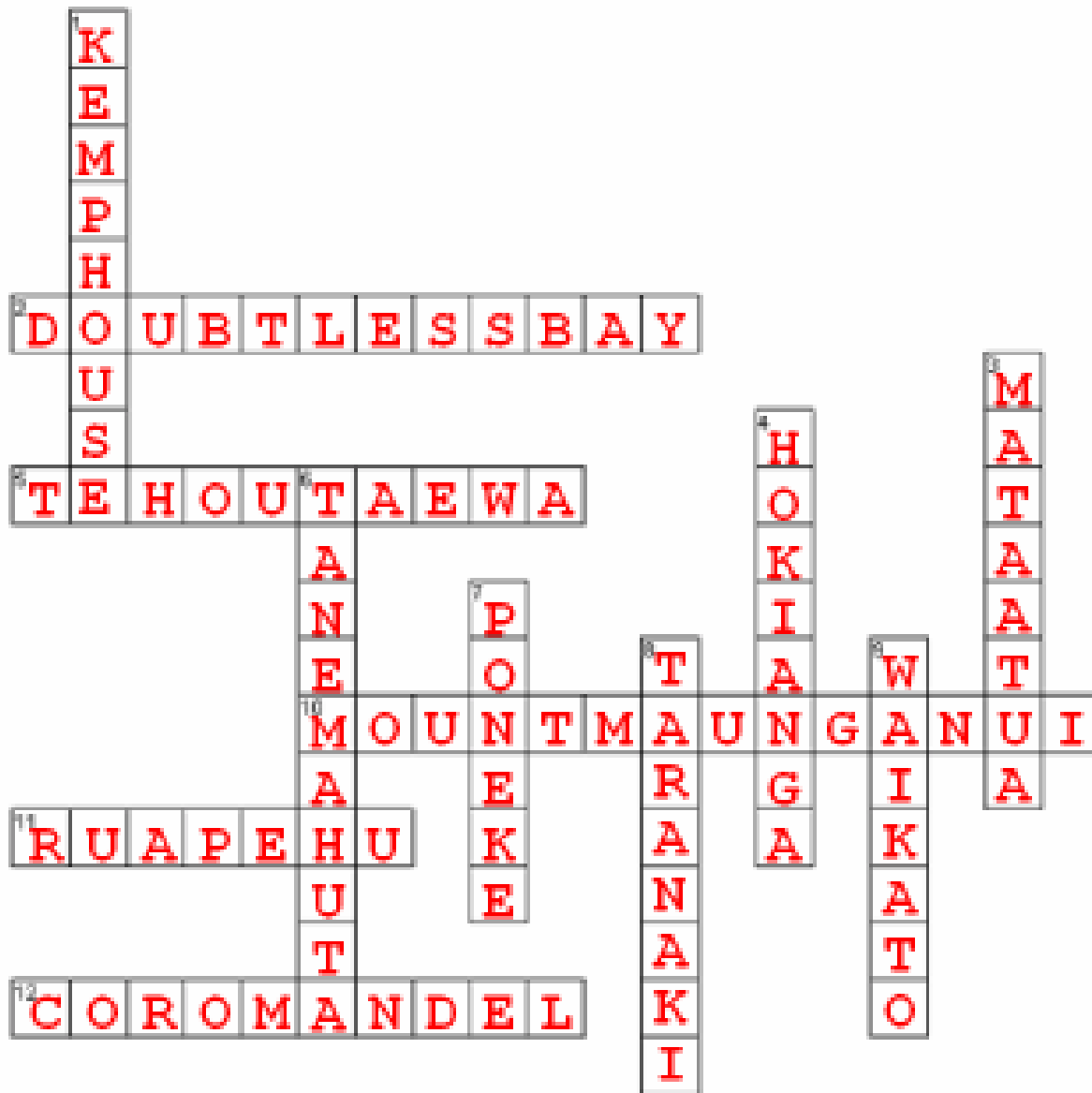
## **Dialogue**

There are two explanations commonly given for the name of this *harbour* city. It literally means '*Cherished* Harbour', a reference to its beauty and *abundant* food resources. The more *romantic* version is that it refers to the story of Reitu and Reipae. *Reitu* and Reipae were sisters who lived in the *Waikato* area. *Ueoneone* had heard of the *beauty* of the two sisters and set about winning Reitu as his wife. He managed to *persuade* Reitu to accompany him to *Pawarenga* in the far north where he lived. *Reipae*, concerned for her sister's *safety*, followed but was left *behind* at the head of the harbour now known as *Whangarei*, where she waited for her sister to return. *Te Whanga-a-Rei...* 'The place where Reipae waited for the return of her *sister*'.

# North Island Crossword Puzzle #1



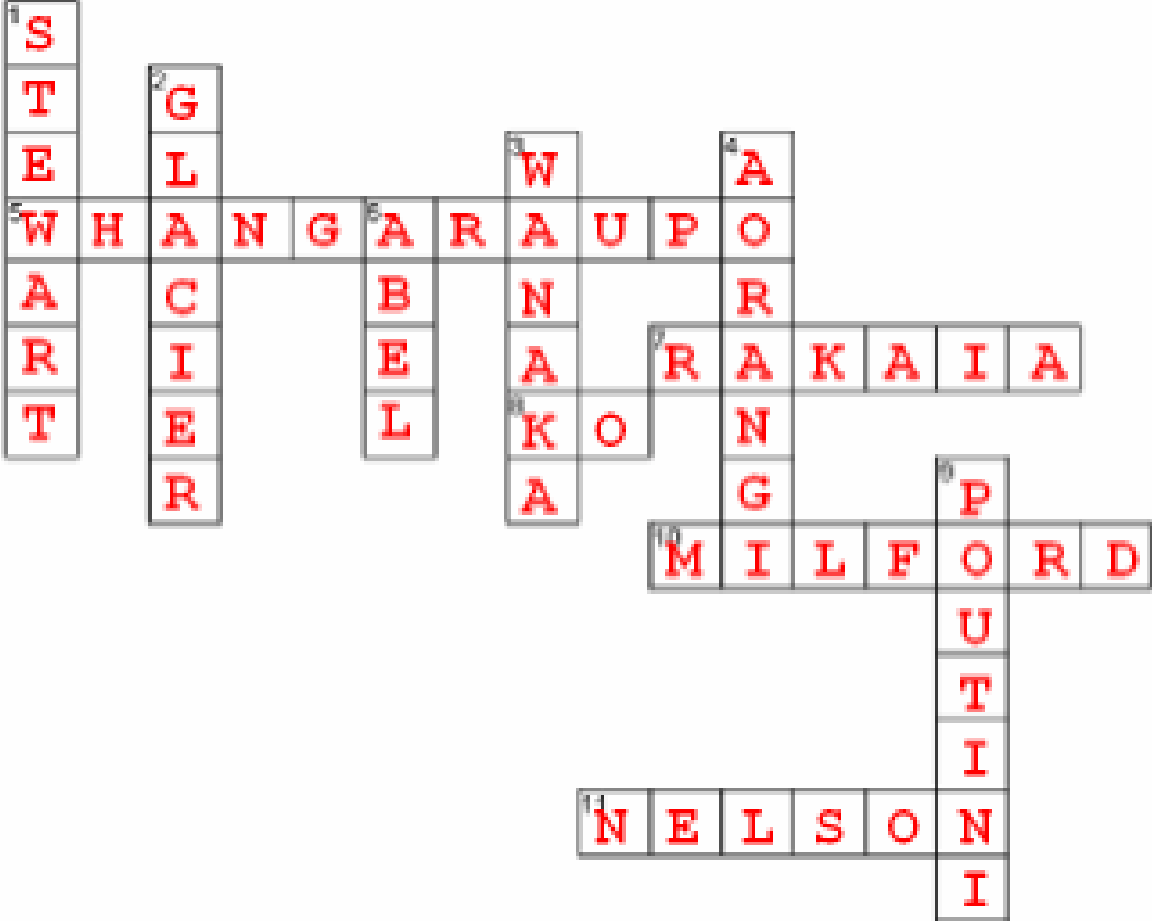
# North Island Crossword Puzzle #2



# South Island Puzzle #1



# South Island Crossword Puzzle #2



# Timaru

TIMARU'S PROPER NAME IS 'TE MARU'.  
A PLACE OF SHELTER. THE HARBOUR WAS  
USED BY MAORI TRAVELLING BY CANOE  
ALONG THIS OTHERWISE SHELTERLESS  
COASTLINE.

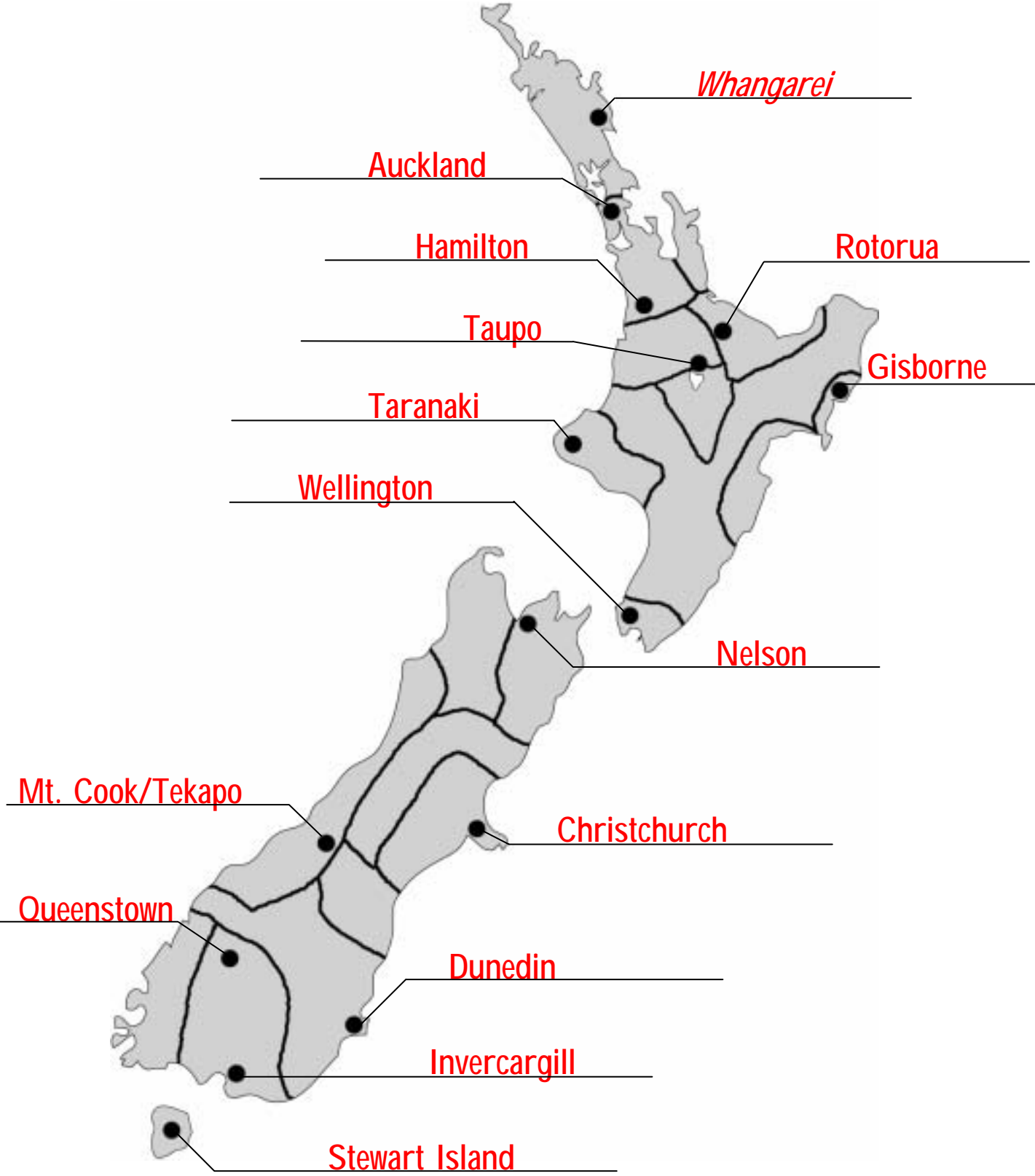
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M A A I C I A E R A V E E I B U R  
I S L D C S P S S P E R S T A M S T H S E T R Y O L R U S  
T A P E R G E T H F A O H O H T R L I E E I S N H A E E R A A N W A  
A U L O N U B Y O M R O O E L T E W I N L L E H G L T B M C E S O E S

# Rangitoto

The full name of the island  
is 'Terangi ito tongia te  
ihu a Tamatekapua' - 'The day  
that Tamatekapua's nose was  
bloodied'.

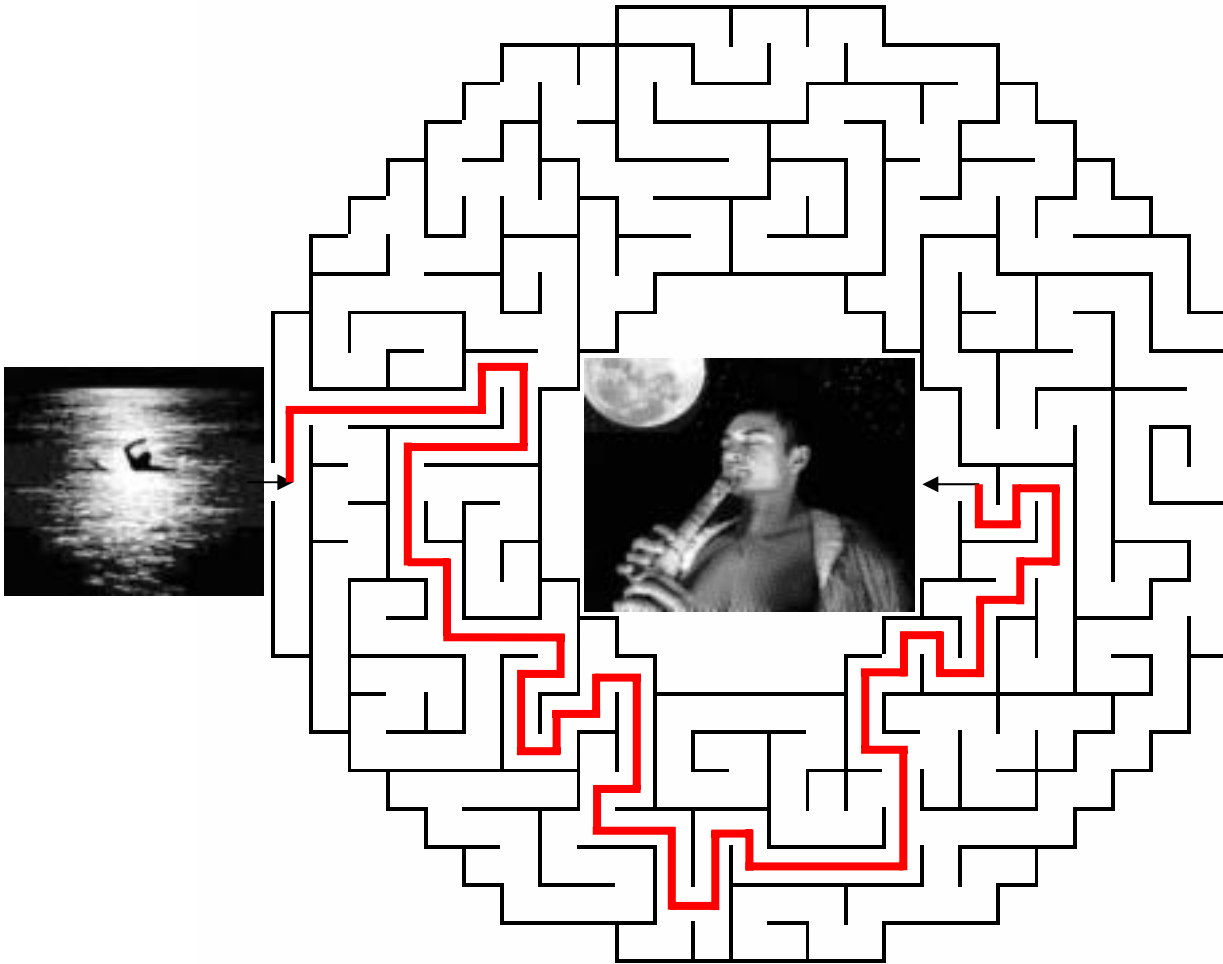
L O K A  
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I I S A A F T L L A T E K A I O D O T H N G I S L T D S Y

# Regions & Major Cities of Aotearoa



# Tutānekai's Flute

*Help Tutānekai's flute guide Hinemoa to her beloved on Mokoia, the island in the middle of Lake Rotorua.*



*The carving of Tutānekai playing the flute for his beloved Hinemoa can be seen at their main meeting house at Ohinemutu.*

# Nouns

1. Mäui fished up Te Ika a Mäui, the North <b>island</b> of New Zealand.	2. A taniwha is a <b>monster</b> or demon.
3. Whangarei - Te Whanga-a-Rei... 'The place where Reipae waited for the return of her <b>sister</b> '.	4. Across the harbour from Tauranga is Mount Maunganui - a volcanic cone on the end of a huge sand <b>spit</b> .
5. The <b>descendants</b> of Tutānekai and Hinemoa are many and still live on the shores of Rotorua.	6. Cape Reinga is the point where Māori believe the <b>spirits</b> of the dead leap to the next world.
7. The <b>Treaty</b> of Waitangi was signed in 1840 between Māori chiefs and the British government.	8. Tāne Mahuta (god of the forest) is the largest and tallest Kauri <b>tree</b> and is approximately 1500 years old.

<p>9. 11 kilometres to the east of Rotorua is the Buried <b>Village</b> of Te Wairoa - a reconstructed Māori village that was buried in the 1886 Tarawera eruption.</p>	<p>10. Kupe's wife spotted a large cloud that indicated land, "He ao, he aotea roa - a cloud, a long white <b>cloud!</b>" she cried.</p>
<p>11. At one end of Ninety mile <b>beach</b> is Ahipara and Te Reinga to the north.</p>	<p>12. Without exaggeration, it can be said that Rotorua is one of the geothermal <b>wonders</b> of the world.</p>
<p>13. The Bay of Islands was the <b>site</b> at which the earliest contact between Māori and European settlers took place.</p>	<p>14. Te Waka a Māui is the South Island and Stewart Island is the <b>anchor</b>.</p>
<p>15. Doubtless <b>Bay</b> was named after a comment from Captain Cook that it was... "Doubtless a bay of some description..."</p>	<p>16. "Waikato he piko he taniwha, he piko he taniwharau." The Waikato River of many bends, and at every bend a <b>chief</b>.</p>

# Verbs

1. Lake Taupo is New Zealand's largest lake and <b>is</b> at the heart of the North Island.	2. Two hours north of Christchurch is Kaikoura on the east coast which is famous for whale <b>watching</b> .
3. Paikea, it is said, <b>rode</b> a whale from far-off Hawaiiiki to 'Te Tairāwhiti', the eastern-most shores of New Zealand.	4. The first city in the world to see the sun, Gisborne's white sand surf beaches <b>attract</b> surfers from all over the world.
5. A statue of Wairaka <b>stands</b> on the Whakatāne Heads near the mouth of the river and a plaque marks the landing place of the Mataatua.	6. Lake Taupo is a volcanic crater that was created by a volcanic eruption that was <b>recorded</b> in far off China over five thousand years ago.
7. Taranaki is a picturesque, magnificent volcano that <b>sits</b> on the edge of the Tasman Sea half way between Auckland and Wellington.	8. Wellington is <b>located</b> at the centre of New Zealand. Its Māori name is 'Te Whanganui a Tara' – 'The great harbour of Tara'.

<p>9. Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand. Parliament Buildings has daily tours where you can <b>gain</b> an insight into New Zealand's political heritage.</p>	<p>10. Rakaihautu had a kö – or spade and it is said that it was with this that he <b>created</b> the lakes of the South Island.</p>
<p>11. The coastal <b>trip</b> from Opötiki to Gisborne is full of spectacular beaches and rugged coastline.</p>	<p>12. Nelson is said to <b>receive</b> the most sunshine hours of any region in New Zealand.</p>
<p>13. It was in the Nelson region in 1642 that Abel Tasman - the first European to see New Zealand - <b>made</b> anchor.</p>	<p>14. Greymouth is the biggest town on the West Coast and is a good base to <b>visit</b> the Punakaiki (pancake) rocks and go on glacier day trips.</p>
<p>15. The Canterbury Region <b>stretches</b> from the East Coast of the South Island to the peaks of the Southern Alps, with the city of Christchurch as its centre.</p>	<p>16. The city of Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and an hour inland from Christchurch <b>lays</b> the magnificent Southern Alps.</p>

# Adjectives

*Use one adjective from the word list below to complete each sentence. These extracts of text may have been taken from the dialogue or paragraphs at the end.*

<p>1. Whangaraupo, the Māori name for Lyttleton harbour was named by Tamatea for the <b>large</b> quantities of Raupo or reeds that grew on the foreshore.</p>	<p>2. When Cook <b>first</b> charted New Zealand he made two mistakes – Bank’s Peninsular was charted as an island and Stewart Island was thought to have been a peninsular.</p>
<p>3. Mount Hutt is one of the most popular ski areas in the South Island and enjoys one of the <b>longest</b> seasons of any New Zealand ski field.</p>	<p>4. The Rakaia River, in the Ashburton district, is <b>famous</b> for its trout and salmon fishing and is popular for jet-boating.</p>
<p>5. The beautiful paddle steamer the ‘T.S.S. Earnslaw’ has been restored to its <b>original</b> condition and takes visitors on daily trips on Lake Wakatipu.</p>	<p>6. According to local Māori, when the world was created some of the children of Rangi (the sky) and Papa (the earth) became the mountains of the <b>Southern</b> Alps.</p>

<p>7. At 3753m Mount Cook (its Māori name is Aoraki or Aorangi) is New Zealand's highest mountain. On one side of Mount Cook is the Tasman Glacier, a 30km <b>giant</b> and one of the longest outside the Himalayas.</p>	<p>8. The Milford Sounds offers some truly spectacular scenery. Bowen Falls hurtles 165 metres into the sea and further down the sounds Stirling Falls is set amidst the <b>towering</b> cliffs and the grandeur of Mitre Peak.</p>
<p>9. Set on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is the South Island's <b>busiest</b> resort.</p>	<p>10. Timaru's proper name is 'Te Maru' – a place of shelter. The harbour was used by Māori travelling by canoe along this otherwise <b>shelterless</b> coastline.</p>
<p>11. Skipper's Canyon was the centre of gold mining activities in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. At Skipper's Canyon and Arrowtown you can visit <b>old</b> mine workings.</p>	<p>12. Fiordland is one of the most beautiful parts of New Zealand and is regarded by many as the <b>Sightseeing</b> and Walking Capital of the world'.</p>
<p>13. Wanaka hosts a number of world-class festivals and events. 'Warbirds over Wanaka' is the <b>biggest</b> three day air show in the Southern Hemisphere.</p>	<p>14. Queenstown is known as the adventure <b>capital</b> of New Zealand providing thrills and spills like Bungy jumps, jet boat rides, paraponting, parasailing and surfing down rapids.</p>
<p>15. Dunedin was originally to have been called New Edinburgh. "Dunedin", <b>interestingly</b> is the old Gaelic name for the same city.</p>	<p>16. <i>Te Punga o te Waka a Māui</i> (the anchor of Māui's canoe) or 'Rakiura' are the <b>Māori</b> names for Stewart Island and it shows as a dot on the map.</p>

# Famous people from New Zealand's history

*Use one person's name from the word list below to complete each sentence.*

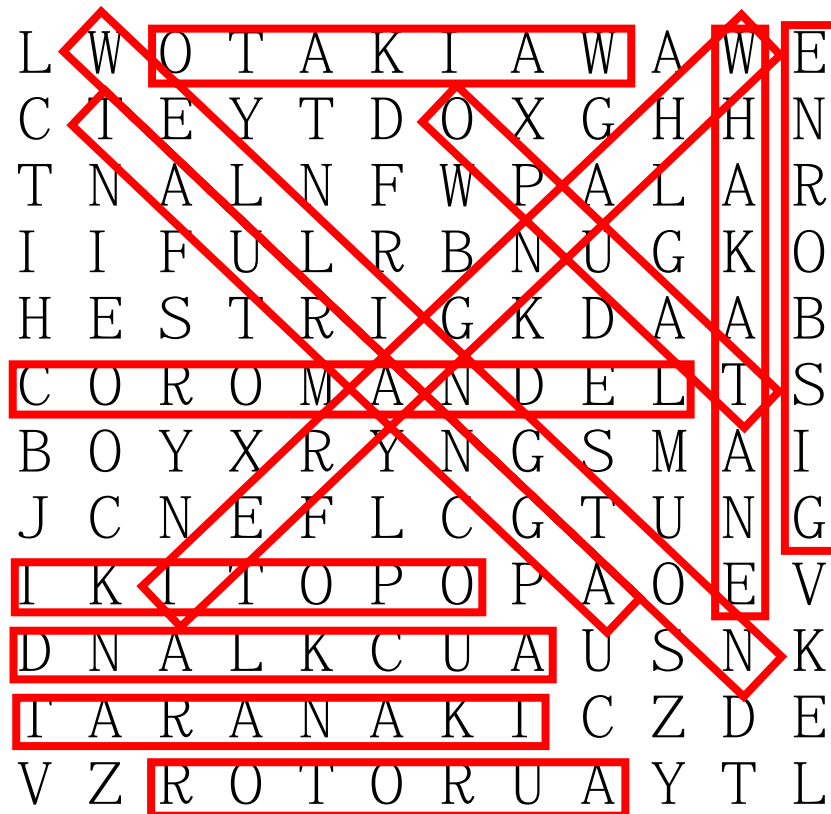
<p>1. According to our legends <b>Māui</b> fished up Te Ika a Māui, the North Island of New Zealand.</p>	<p>2. With his family, <b>Kupe</b> set sail on a voyage of discovery navigating by the stars.</p>
<p>3. Ninety Mile beach is where the audacious warrior chief <b>Te Houtaewa</b> ran the length and back in half a day to steal sweet potato from his enemies for his mother's oven.</p>	<p>4. The infamous warrior Chief <b>Hongi Hika</b> resided in the Whangaroa area for a time surrounded by his warriors and captured slaves.</p>
<p>5. Doubtless Bay was named after a comment from <b>Captain Cook</b> that it was... "Doubtless a bay of some description..."</p>	<p>6. The more romantic version for the name of Whangarei is Te Whanga-a-Rei... 'The place where <b>Reipae</b> waited for the return of her sister'.</p>

<p>7. Now <b>Taratara</b>'s head lays on the top of Ohäkiri near the harbour entrance and his wives remain loyally beside his body grieving for their husband.</p>	<p>8. <b>Ngätoroirangi</b>, navigator of the Te Arawa canoe, whilst climbing Tongariro, called out to his sisters to send fire with the help of the gods which produced New Zealand's geothermal wonderland.</p>
<p>9. <b>Paikea</b> , it is said, rode a whale from far off Hawaiiiki to te tai räwhiti. Ngati Porou, Ngati Kahungunu and Ngai Tahu tribes are all descended from this famous ancestor.</p>	<p>10. Soon after the Arawa canoe arrived to Rotorua, <b>Ihenga</b> chanced upon a large lake with an island in the middle. He named it 'Te Rotorua nui a Kahu'-'The second great lake of Kahu'.</p>
<p>11. <b>Hinemoa</b> was the daughter of a chief whose village was on the eastern shores of Lake Rotorua.</p>	<p>12. The town of Whakatäne takes its name from the event of <b>Wairaka</b> saving a canoe from disaster.</p>
<p>13. In Waikato every year, at Tūrangawaewae marae in Ngäruawähia a large canoe regatta is held and the coronation of the <b>Māori queen</b> is celebrated.</p>	<p>14. If you are lucky enough to climb to the top of Mount Hikurangi on the east coast you may see the fossilised remains of Nukutaimemeha, the canoe of <b>Mäui</b>.</p>
<p>15. The full name of Rangitoto is 'Te rangi i totongia te ihu a <b>Tamatekapua</b>.'</p>	<p>16. Every night <b>Tutānekai</b> would play on his flute from Mokoia and the music would carry to Hinemoa.</p>

# North Island Cities & Regions Word find

Level 3

*Find the place names below in this word find. These words can go in any direction!*



AUCKLAND

COROMANDEL

GISBORNE

OPOTIKI

ROTORUA

TARANAKI

TAUPO

TAURANGA

WAIKATO

WELLINGTON

WHAKATANE

WHANGAREI