

Sunnybrae Normal School
Find-out-a-thon Questions 2020 - Year 6

Places

1. What is the name of the volcano at the entrance to Auckland Harbour?
2. What is the name of the sea/ocean on the West Coast of New Zealand?
3. What is the name of the sea/ocean on the East Coast of New Zealand?
4. What is the name of the stretch of water between the North and South Island?
5. What is the largest city in the South Island?
6. What is the largest city in New Zealand?
7. What is the Māori name for the highest mountain in New Zealand?
8. What is the longest river in New Zealand?
9. What is the imaginary line around the world which divides the northern and southern hemispheres?
10. Name New Zealand's Antarctic Base.
11. In which New Zealand city did the 1931 earthquake take place?
13. Where and when are the Summer Olympics to be held next?
14. Name a South Island river close to Clyde which is important for hydroelectricity.
15. Where is the nearest Gannet colony to the North Shore?

People

1. Who is the Mayor of Auckland?
2. Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand?
3. Who is the leader of the National Party in New Zealand?
4. What is the name and nationality of the first explorer to reach the South Pole?
5. Jim Henson created what famous puppet show?
6. Who was the nun that did a lot of work with the poor and died in 1997?
7. What is William Shakespeare famous for?
8. Which woman aviator flew solo from England to New Zealand in 1936?
9. Name the explorer who died in his attempt to reach the South Pole.
10. Name New Zealand's first Māori Governor General.
11. Which New Zealander ran the first sub 4 minute mile?
12. What is the name and title of Prince William's wife?
13. Who is the heir to the British throne?
14. Who was the Māori chief who cut down the flag staff at Russell three times?
15. What are these New Zealanders famous for?

Peter Burling	Sir Peter Snell	Sir Edmund Hillary
Sir Peter Jackson	Dame Whina Cooper	Margaret Mahy

Flora/Fauna

1. What is New Zealand's giant extinct bird called?
2. What is New Zealand's largest insect?
3. What is the Māori name for the Morepork, New Zealand's only surviving native owl?
4. What tree is often called the 'New Zealand Christmas Tree'?
5. What is the world's largest mammal?
6. Name the reptile still living in some parts of New Zealand that thrived in the age of the dinosaurs.
7. What is the Māori name for flax?
8. What is the largest seabird?
9. How many legs does an arachnid usually have?
10. What is kina?
11. What is the current conservation status of the Kea?
12. What is the Māori name given to the shellfish abalone?
13. What is a katipo?
14. What is the Māori name for the New Zealand plant commonly named 'bushman's friend'?
15. Name the tiny organism that drifts with ocean currents and is a crucial source of food for fish in the Antarctic Ocean.

New Zealand History

1. Who was the Dutch explorer who became the first European to discover New Zealand?
2. Who was the first English explorer to sail around New Zealand and map it in detail?
3. In what year was the Treaty of Waitangi signed?
4. What happened at Mt Erebus in 1979?
5. In 1905 a rugby team toured England. They became known as the _____.
6. Name the protest ship that was sunk by French spies in 1985.
7. Where was New Zealand's capital city before it was shifted to Wellington?
8. Name the ferry that sank during a terrible storm in the Cook Strait in 1968.
9. What date in 1915 did the ANZACs land at Gallipoli?
10. When did Whakaari (White Island) erupt?
11. What magnitude was the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake?
12. What was the name of the ship that carried the first load of frozen meat from New Zealand to England in 1882?
13. When did women in New Zealand win the right to vote?
14. Who was the first female Prime Minister of New Zealand?
15. What was the name of the mine where 29 men died in late 2010?

Literature

1. What's the name of the Wimpy Kid's spoiled little brother?
2. Name the title of a book about the Harbour Bridge by Diana Harris.
3. Maui is the trickster god from what culture?
4. Name the system of organisation used in libraries for non-fiction books.
5. The Disney movie Frozen was based on what story by Hans Christian Andersen?
6. Who are the 4 main characters from 'Wind in the Willows'?
7. Who wrote 'The Jungle Book'?
8. What two colours make Wally's striped pullover/shirt so distinctive?
9. What was Matilda Woormwood's favourite school subject?
10. Who was the American author who wrote *Hop on Pop* and *Horton Hatches the Egg*?
11. Anna Sewell wrote only one book, about a horse, in 1877 but it became a classic. What was its title?
12. Besides Christopher Robin who was Winnie the Pooh's best friend?
13. What was the name of Lola's brother in the series of books by Lauren Child?
14. If a trilogy means three novels what is the word for four related books?
15. What fictional country was the setting for *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?

Politics

1. What does MMP stand for?
2. What is the common name for the Executive Wing of the New Zealand Parliament Buildings?
3. How often are elections held in New Zealand?
4. What is a referendum?
5. Who is the current Northcote member of parliament?
6. What is the date of the next election?

Word Power

1. What do we call a floating mass of fresh water in the sea?
2. What is an orange roughly?
3. Where would you find a masthead?
4. What do we call melted rock?
5. Small pieces of material put together in a pattern is what kind of art?
6. What is a bone shaker?
7. What is the yellow of an egg called?
8. How many are there in a baker's dozen?
9. What is measured on the Richter scale?
10. To travel by 'shanks's pony' is to travel by what method?

Parts of Speech

1. A word which names something is called a _____.
2. A word which describes a noun is called an _____.
3. A word which adds meaning to a verb is called an _____.
4. A word which expresses action or being is called a _____.
5. 'And, because, but' are used to join two sentences and are called _____.

General

1. Name the three official languages of New Zealand.
2. What does Aotearoa mean?
3. Which country is hosting the next Soccer World Cup?
4. On 10th July 1967, what did New Zealand change its money system to?
5. What sport is played at Wimbledon?
6. Who was the New Zealand artist famous for his Māori portraits?
7. Name the instruments that are played in a string quartet.
8. Name the famous ship which sank in 1912.
9. What date did Sunnybrae Normal School open?
10. What are the days of the week in Maori?