

New Zealand

Task  "Track 5"

Listen to the short summary about New Zealand.

Listen to the text once again and fill in the missing words.

Make a list of all the words that you don't understand.

New Zealand is a country in the south-west of the _____¹. The country consists of two long islands: the North Island, with the _____² Wellington, and the South Island. The name "New Zealand" was given by the Dutch _____³ Abel Tasman in 1642 and referred to a part of Holland with the name "Zeeland". But the early _____⁴ from Polynesia, who _____⁵ the islands by the end of the 13th century, used to call it "Aotearoa", which _____⁶ "Land of the Long White Cloud". Their descendants became natives of this country and were _____⁷ "Maori". In contrast to the big _____⁸ of countries close to Europe, New Zealand's closest neighbour-country _____⁹ is nearly 2,000 kilometres away. New Zealand's _____¹⁰ looks really different on both islands. While the North Island has the higher _____¹¹, the South Island is mostly covered with mountains. Nevertheless the number of _____¹² is still bigger than the _____¹³ of people living in New Zealand. Because of the country's outlying position on the _____¹⁴, unique animals and plants are able to _____¹⁵ which can't be found _____¹⁶ else in the world. The most famous local animal is a bird that has no proper _____¹⁷ and cannot fly: the kiwi. This flightless bird sleeps or hides through the _____¹⁸ and comes out after _____¹⁹. This small endangered bird is New Zealand's national _____²⁰, which is why exporters named a "Chinese gooseberry" after the bird in 1959. And even the people from New Zealand like to be called "Kiwis".

How Chinese people write



Task 2

Replace the underlined words from the text (Station 3A) with words with a similar meaning. Use a dictionary to find the words.

1. **to comprise** (verb): _____
2. **sign** (noun): _____
3. **to stand for** (verb): _____
4. **nonfigurative** (adjective): _____
5. **to symbolise** (verb): _____
6. **plain** (adjective): _____
7. **person** (noun): _____
8. **human body** (noun): _____
9. **arms and legs** (noun): _____
10. **reform** (noun): _____
11. **now** (adverb): _____



Task 3

Find the opposite-pairs that were mentioned in the text.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Funny jokes



Task 1

First, read the following jokes carefully. Then, underline all the verbs. Choose five verbs and write them down with all the three verb forms (infinitive – simple past – past participle) and the German infinitive translation.

1. A man asks his neighbour: "Why is your baby screaming all the time?" She answers that it is teething (= *Zähne bekommen*). The man is very surprised and responds: "So what? Doesn't it want them?"

2. A very rich man boasts that his wife changes her clothes five times a day. One of his colleagues replies that there is nothing special about it, because his daughter has seven changes of clothes a day. When the rich man asks him how old she is he says with a smile on his face: "She just turned three months."

3. "Why do you say that your sister is a remote (= *entfernt*) relative to you?" "Well, she lives in New Zealand and I'm in Hamburg..."



Example: asks (= fragen) to ask, asked, asked

verb	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
German translation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
infinitive	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Simple past	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Past participle	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



Task 2


Read the jokes again and write down all nouns.

Note their singular and plural forms in your exercise book.

One out of two



Task 1

Read the text-strips carefully. Two tales got mixed up. Cut out () all the strips and decide which strip belongs to the same story. Glue them into the correct order.



- a. She had to work really hard all day long.
She cooked, washed the dishes and cleaned the big house all by herself.
- b. He lived together with the Lost Boys in Neverland.
Now and then he visited London and the Darling family.
- c. She was truly sad and cried a lot until suddenly a small woman appeared.
The old woman asked for a pumpkin and turned it into a carriage.
- d. Wendy woke up and was surprised to see him in her bedroom.
She helped him and found his shadow which she sewed to his feet.
- e. She lived together with her mean stepmother.
Her stepmother had two horrible daughters.
- f. He loved listening to the stories Wendy Darling was telling her brothers.
Michael and John always asked Wendy to tell more stories.
- g. One day the prince invited everybody to a ball, where he would choose a wife.
After she'd helped her stepsisters get ready, she wasn't allowed to go to the ball.
- h. One night he flew into Wendy and her brother's bedroom.
He'd lost his shadow again and was trying to find it with his friend Tinkerbell.
- i. Her only friends were animals and birds.
The names of two of them were Jaq and Gus. They were mice.
- j. He was really grateful and invited her and her brothers to Neverland.
He told them that they should have wonderful thoughts if they wanted to fly.

Task 2  "Track 7"

Listen to the text.

Listen to text once again and check your orders.

