

# Mapping New Zealand: Skills — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- Maps use symbols, a key and compass directions.
- On a map of New Zealand you can find the two main islands, cities, mountains and lakes.
- Compass directions are north, south, east and west.
- New Zealand lies far out in the South Pacific Ocean.

## Key vocabulary

- Compass — shows directions.
- Key / legend — explains a map's symbols.
- Scale — relates map distance to real distance.
- Coast — land beside the sea.

## Reading a map

Using the key and compass, you can describe where places are — for example, 'Auckland is in the north of the North Island'.

## Try it

Use a map to find the main cities and say which island and direction each is in.