

North Island vs South Island — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- The North Island has volcanoes, geysers and most of the people.
- The South Island has the high Southern Alps, glaciers and fiords.
- The South Island is larger but less crowded.
- A strait of sea, Cook Strait, separates the two islands.

Key vocabulary

- Island — land surrounded by water.
- Strait — a narrow sea channel.
- Population — the number of people living somewhere.
- Contrast — a clear difference.

Two different islands

The warmer North Island has volcanoes and most of the population; the cooler South Island has dramatic mountains and fewer people.

Crossing the strait

Cook Strait separates the islands; ferries carry people and vehicles between them.