

# New Zealand's Geography: Two Islands — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- New Zealand has two main islands: the North Island and the South Island.
- Wellington is the capital; Auckland is the largest city.
- The South Island has the high, snowy Southern Alps.
- New Zealand sits far out in the South Pacific Ocean, with Australia its nearest large neighbour.

## Key vocabulary

- Island — land surrounded by water.
- Capital city — where the government is based (Wellington).
- Mountain range — a line of mountains, like the Southern Alps.
- Fjord — a deep, narrow sea inlet between steep cliffs.

## Two different islands

The North Island has volcanoes, geysers and warmer weather; the South Island has towering mountains, glaciers and dramatic fiords like Milford Sound. Together they give New Zealand an amazing variety of landscapes in a small country.

## Did you know?

Wellington, not the bigger city of Auckland, is New Zealand's capital — and it is one of the southernmost capital cities in the world.