

New Zealand – Glossary

activity noun [count]

something that you do because you enjoy it or because it is interesting

Guests can enjoy plenty of activities, like swimming, surfing, and horse-riding.

bungee jumping noun [uncount]

the sport of jumping from a very high place while attached to a long piece of rubber that is just short enough to prevent you from hitting the ground.

capital noun [count]

the city where a country or region has its government

Madrid is the capital of Spain.

climate noun [uncount]

the type of weather that a country or region has
Mexico is renowned for its hot climate and spicy food.

consist of something phrasal verb

to be made of particular parts or things

Breakfast consisted of dry bread and a cup of tea.

crowded adjective

containing a lot of people, especially too many
a crowded street/train/restaurant

director noun [count]

someone who is in charge of making a film or programme, or getting a play ready for performance, especially by telling the actors and technical staff what to do

extreme sport noun [count/uncount]

a sport or activity that is exciting and dangerous, for example bungee jumping, white-water rafting, or snowboarding

fact noun [count]

a piece of true information

The classes are designed to help children discover basic scientific facts.

forest noun [count]

a large area of land covered by trees and other plants growing close together

My aunt loved to walk in the forest at sunrise.

historical adjective

connected with history or with the past

The Abbey is a major historical monument.

indigenous adjective

indigenous people lived in a place for a very long time before other people came to live there

island noun [count]

a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water

The hotel is the best on the island.

lake noun [count]

a large area of water that is surrounded by land

There were some boys swimming in the lake.

national adjective

relating to one particular nation and not including other nations

recent adjective

happening or starting a short time ago

a recent discovery/survey/study

right noun [count]

something that you are morally or legally allowed to do or have

Workers' rights are practically non-existent in many clothing factories here.

rugby noun [uncount]

a game played by two teams of players with a ball shaped like an egg. Goals are scored by kicking the ball over a high bar, and points called tries are scored by putting the ball behind the goal line.

scenery noun [uncount]

natural things such as trees, hills, and lakes that you can see in a particular place

shorts noun [plural]

short trousers that end at or above the knees

a pair of shorts

spectacular adjective

extremely impressive

We had a spectacular view of the coastline from the plane.

symbol noun [count]

a picture or shape used to represent something

A crescent moon was the symbol of the old Ottoman Empire.

vote verb

to formally express an opinion by choosing between two or more issues, people etc

The Council will vote on the proposal next Friday.