



Otázka: New Zealand

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Intro:

- a **state**, south-east of Australia
- a former British colony (like Australia, Canada, ...)
- its national **flag** contains the Union Jack and four red stars (the Australian flag is similar but it contains six stars)
- now an independent state, based on the **British parliamentary system** - with British Queen as official head of state, the Governor General as official representative of the Queen

Geography: located in the Pacific about 2000 km southeast of Australia. It consists of **two great islands** (the North Island and the South Island) and some smaller ones

- the shape of New Zealand reminds upside-down Italy
- the **surface** is mainly mountainous - with a volcanic area in the North Island and the Southern Alps in the South
- Island (the highest Mount Cook is 3,764 m high)
- the **climate** is mild, very pleasant all the year round, also reminds the turned over Italy - with the hot north and snow and glaciers in the south



The capital city is **Wellington**, Auckland (the biggest), Hamilton, all in the north, Christchurch – in the south, ...

The population is about 4,5 million (2013),

- about 10% are Maoris of Polynesian origin

History:

- Maoris came to New Zealand about a thousand years ago
- the first European (the Dutch navigator Abel Tasman) came to N.Z. in 1642 (=17th century)
- N.Z. as the British colony established in 1840

Nature

- many special plants and animals has been developed, mainly in the evergreen rain forest:
 - e.g. giant Kauri trees, Kakapo – the world's largest parrot, Kiwi – a unique bird, New Zealand's unofficial national symbol, the Giant weta – the world's largest insect, etc. No snakes.

Economy

- mainly food processing industry.



Agriculture

- breeding sheep. There are more sheep in New Zealand than people.

Lifestyle

- New Zealanders share a passion for **sports** – e.g. swimming, sailing, windsurfing, yachting, fishing, skiing, ... The national sport is rugby.