



## New Zealand and the South Pacific



### KEY VOCABULARY

#### Maori

People living in New Zealand from the earliest times, **before the arrival of settlers** or colonists.

#### Earthquake

A **shaking of the surface of the earth**. Some earthquakes are caused by tectonic plates moving.

#### Tectonic Plates

Huge **pieces of the earth's crust** and mantle that move around causing earthquakes and volcanoes.

#### Tsunami

Earthquake under the sea can cause **huge waves** called Tsunamis. The word means "harbour wave" in Japanese.

#### Biome

A community of plants and animals that have **shared characteristics** due to the environment they live in.

#### Industry

Activity where **raw materials are changed in goods** that can be used and traded.

#### Commonwealth

A group of **countries that voluntarily work together on issues such as human rights**. Many of these countries used to be part of the British Empire



A vent in the Earth's surface that sometimes ejects water and steam in a jet.

#### Geyser

\* Rotoura



An opening in the earth's surface, usually in a mountain, where gas, magma and ash can escape.

#### Volcano

\* Mount Ruapehu (Roo a pay who)



A place where two tectonic plates meet. New Zealand is located on a plate boundary.

#### Plate Boundary

\* A plate boundary runs through the South Island



A large landform that rises up above the surrounding land, formed by tectonic plates or volcanoes.

#### Mountain

\* Aoraki Mount Cook