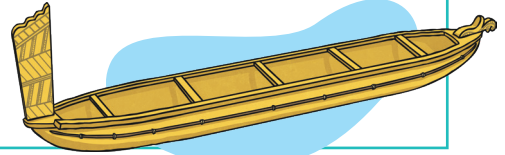


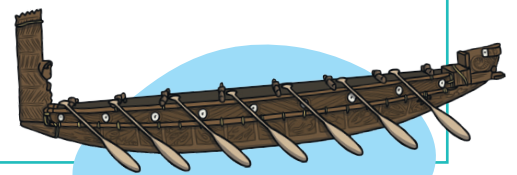
Arrivals to New Zealand

Before there were planes, the sea was the only way that people could gain access to Aotearoa. It is one of the most southern lands on our planet. We know that this country was, and still is, very isolated from other countries largely to do with the fact that it is surrounded by large bodies of water.

It is difficult to confirm exact dates, but some traditional stories say that from around the year AD 600, people such as Kupe used their specialised sailing skills and vast knowledge of navigation to sail from the more northern Polynesian islands. Kupe is said to be the first person to captain a waka to New Zealand. Little is known about the waka that he arrived on but here is an example of what it is thought to have had looked like.



The 1300s marked the beginning of the mass migration of many Māori tribes to Aotearoa. They spent several weeks and months making their journeys across the Pacific Ocean. Many of the nine commonly known waka made numerous stops along their travels. The Takitimu waka stopped off at Samoa and Rarotonga before continuing the journey to Aotearoa. The Tainui waka was also known to have had made landing at Rarotonga prior to Aotearoa. Some reasons for stopping at these islands included the fact that the star path they were following took them past these locations, the need to restock supplies for the families and sometimes the need to repair their waka. These waka were different in shape but included in their design was a space for sleeping and areas to store food and supplies. They also had different formations of sails, known as 'ra'.



The 13th of December 1642 marked the first sighting of the South Island of Aotearoa by European sailors. Abel Tasman was a talented sailor who captained two ships that had embarked on a journey to investigate the passage of sea to the west of Chile. It was on this voyage that Aotearoa was first given its new name. In 1645, it was noted by map makers that 'Nova Zeelandia' was a fine land. This also marked the planning of Europeans to return to this land in hopes of occupying and emigrating settlers.



After Abel Tasman had returned to Europe, word reached the British Crown about this undocumented southern land. Captain James Cook was sent on a voyage to search for these lands. He had orders to document and occupy them. On October 6th 1769, Captain Cook landed his ship in Aotearoa.

On their expedition to find this 'Southern Land', a man from Tahiti named Tupaia was invited to board the ship as a guide. It had been recorded that Tupaia often told James Cook how slow the Endeavour ship was. Tupaia was used to the more traditional Polynesian waka, which he claimed had the ability to ride the waves and move swiftly across water.



Arrivals to New Zealand Questions

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Select all the correct answers:

- ships
- cruise ships
- waka
- trains
- dinghy
- planes

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3. All waka were built the same:

True / False

4. Join the boxes to show when people arrived into New Zealand.

1300

1769

1642

600

Abel Tasman

Kupe

James Cook

Māori tribes

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Aotearoa

Abel Tasman

New Zealand

Kupe

Nova Zeelandia

James Cook

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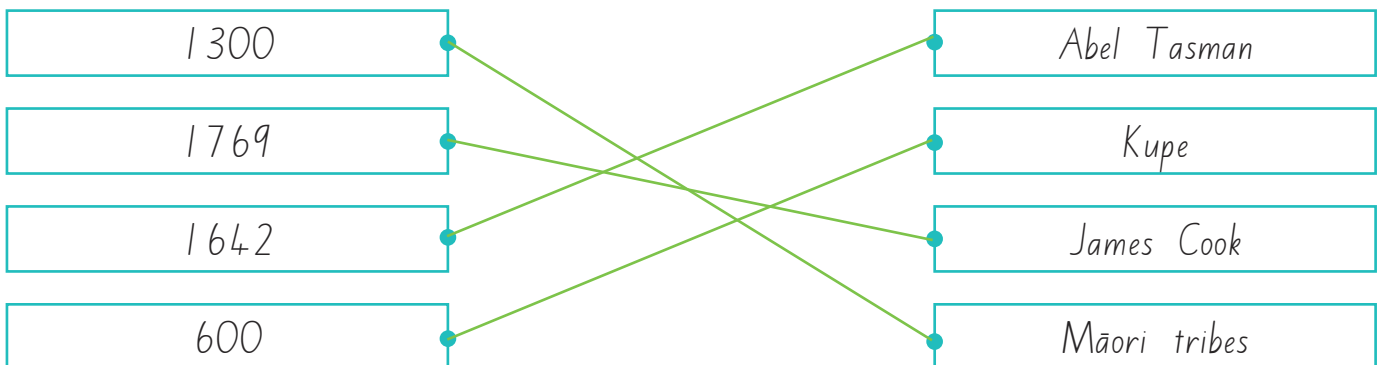
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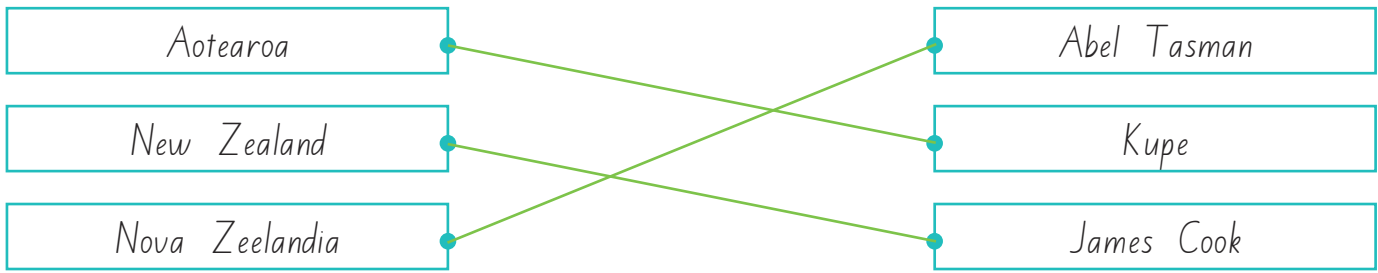
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James Cook had been sent to occupy the land in the name of the British Crown.

They hoped to emigrate settlers to this land. He knew it was there because Abel Tasman had travelled back to Europe after he sighted it.