

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1



THE NEW ZEALAND FLAG

Text Structure - Description

Introduction

The New Zealand flag has three colours, red, white and blue. It has four red and white stars on the blue background.

Description - includes physical characteristics

The four stars represent the Southern Cross. The Southern Cross is a group of stars in the sky above New Zealand. Each star has five points.

The British flag, which has red and white crosses on a dark blue background, is in the top left corner, because New Zealand was once a colony owned by Britain. Now it is an independent country which is a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The queen of England is still the head of state, but the New Zealand Prime Minister and the government are in charge of the country.

Language Features

Use of nouns that refer to a particular thing i.e. not general, e.g. The New Zealand flag

Use of describing adjectives, e.g. blue

Use of pronouns to track the subject (referencing), e.g. it

Use of detailed noun groups to build up the description, e.g. red and white crosses, in the top left-hand corner

Use of relating verbs, e.g. are, represent

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. on the blue background