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-  **Queen Elizabeth II** is officially the Queen of New Zealand. To become a New Zealand citizen, one must swear an oath of loyalty to the Queen.
-  There are over 15,000 **earthquakes** in NZ every year.
-  There are NO nuclear power plants in NZ. Most of the country is **pollution-free**. 30% of NZ is composed of forests.
-  In New Zealand, **summer** is in December!
-  New Zealand is **home to**:
 - the world's smallest dolphin,
 - some of the oldest trees,
 - many of the rarest birds,
 - the heaviest insect,
 - the oldest reptile.
-  There are **no snakes** in New Zealand.
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