

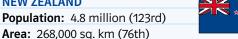
## The world speaks English

Here are some further important Commonwealth countries you might be interested in.





## **NEW ZEALAND**



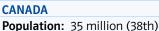
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several steps. Full legal independence in 1947 Interesting facts:

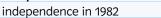
- Unlike in the US or Australia, where the indigenous populations are extremely small, the Maori people of New Zealand make up a large, visible minority at 15%.
- In 1893 New Zealand became the first country in the world to give all women the right to vote.
- The country's spectacular beauty (e.g. at Milford Sound) has been the setting for some of the most successful films ever, e.g. The Piano, Avatar, The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings.
- New Zealand is extremely volcanic, while Australia isn't at all.







Area: 9.9 million sq. km (2nd) Independent from UK since: Full legal



**Interesting facts:** 

- 60% of Canadians list English as their mother tongue, 20% French, 20% other languages.
- Québec, the large French province of Canada, has held two referendums on independence for the province (1980, 1995). Voters chose to stay in Canada both times.
- Two of the most famous Canadians share the same first name: Justin Trudeau (prime minister from 2014) and Justin Bieber (pop superstar).
- Canada has the world's longest coastline at 202,000 km.

Maori ['maʊri] O visible ['vɪzəbl] sichtbar O mother tongue [,mʌðə 'tʌŋ] Muttersprache



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