

CULTURE

BEACH CULTURE IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

FACTFILE

Beach culture in Australia and New Zealand

Beach culture is very important in Australia and New Zealand. When it's sunny and hot, people go to the beach at the weekend and for holidays.

There are lots of summer camps in Australia and New Zealand. Young people stay at the beach with their friends and do fun activities. They can:

- ★ do activities in the water
- ★ do activities on the beach
- ★ have barbecues and eat on the beach
- ★ learn about safety in the water and on the beach

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 How often do you go to the beach?
- 2 When do you go to the beach?
- 3 What do you like doing at the beach?

2 Read the web page quickly. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 The Kiwi Summer camp is in Australia. ☐
- 2 The Kiwi Summer camp is on the beach. ☐



Welcome to KIWI SUMMER CAMP!



Do you know? People from New Zealand are called 'New Zealanders'.

Some people call them 'Kiwis'. A kiwi is also a bird, and a fruit.



- Spend a week with other young people.
- Do exciting activities at the beach.
- Enjoy campfires every night.



GO SANDBOARDING ON THE BEACH!

You need a special **board**. You can stand, sit or lie on the board. Climb to the top of the sand dune , and go down. It's fast and exciting!

Be safe. Put on a sun hat.



a board

GO SNORKELLING IN THE SEA!

You need a snorkel **mask**. Some people also wear special swimming shoes called 'fins' .

You can go on a boat and jump into the sea or you can snorkel near the beach. Swim under water and see fantastic fish.

a mask



Be safe. Are you good at swimming? That's important for snorkelling.

GO KAYAKING IN THE SEA!

You need a boat called a 'kayak', and you need a **paddle**. When we go in the sea, we use a special kayak called a 'sit on top' kayak. It's amazing!

Be safe. Always wear a life jacket.



a paddle



3 Read the web page again. Complete the sentences.

hats jackets night one
swimming young

- The Kiwi Summer Camp is for people.
- People go to the camp for week.
- At the summer camp, there are campfires every
- For activities on the beach, people wear sun
- People who are good at can go snorkelling in the sea.
- For activities on boats, people wear life

4 Read the sentences and write the words. Use the **highlighted** words on the web page.

- You do this under the water.
- You do this on the water.
- You do this on the beach.
- You stand or sit on this.
- You wear this on your face. It helps you see fish.
- You use this to move through the water.

5 Complete the table. Use the words in Exercise 4.

Things we do			
Places	under the water 	on the beach 	on the sea 
Things we use			

6 Write the countries.



I'm from
I'm a New Zealander.



I'm from
I'm an Australian.



7 Listen to Shane talking about a surfing camp. Which activities does he talk about? Underline them.

kayaking sandboarding
snorkelling surfing
swimming



8 Listen again. Choose the correct words.

- Where is this summer camp?
a Australia b New Zealand
- What activity do they do in the morning?
a snorkelling b surfing
- What equipment do they need to do this activity?
a a paddle b a board
- What other activities can they do in the afternoon?
a snorkelling and swimming
b snorkelling and kayaking
- What do they wear to be safe in the sun?
a trousers and a shirt b a hat and a shirt
- What do they have in the evening?
a a barbecue b a party



TALKING POINTS

Do you like the idea of staying at a summer camp on the beach?
Which is your favourite summer activity?

PROJECT

A summer camp leaflet

In small groups, write a leaflet for a summer camp at the beach. Find photos or draw pictures to put on your leaflet. Make it look fun. Remember to write:

- the name of the summer camp
- where it is
- how long young people can stay there
- what activities you can do in the morning, afternoon and evening

Present your summer camp leaflet to the class.