

GENERAL TRAINING READING EXAMPLE

Read the free sample text below which is taken from '[Ace the IELTS' book](#) and then answer the questions on page 2. The correct answers are on page 3.

Travel Books on New Zealand

A *Hitchhiking Around New Zealand* - Peter Mitchell

Hitchhiking is a great way to see New Zealand up close and personal, but make sure you have some time on your hands, as Mitchell points out that hitchhiking is not often a way of travelling that sticks to timetables. Mitchell also points out that the New Zealand weather can sometimes be poor and he gives good advice on what and how to pack on a holiday of this type. This book is not strong on the major cities, but is excellent as a guide for the smaller towns and villages and things to do with sections on budget places to stay away from the noise of the metropolises. Hitchhiking is often seen as a less expensive way of travelling and this book's price reflects that too, as it's the best deal of those we are reviewing today.

B *Fishing Holidays in New Zealand* - Tim Jarvis

New Zealand is a wonderfully unspoiled country to go fishing in. In this detailed book, Tim Jarvis covers many of the famous and not so famous places to fish in New Zealand. Unusually for many fishing books, Jarvis covers both sea and river fishing, which makes the book quite a long read, though of course, readers only need to look at the areas that interest them. A particular advantage of this guide is that not only does it tell readers about the best places to fish, it also goes into where to obtain licences and how much they cost.

C *New Zealand Travel and Touring Map* - Driving Club of New Zealand

Not an actual guide book, but a great travel resource. This detailed driving map will help you plan your New Zealand driving holiday. The map has distance and travel times between the major towns, the locations of petrol stations, the locations of motels, the locations of camp sites, as well as other useful places. The map is double-sided with the North Island on one side and the South Island on the other. The map's dimensions are: 500 mm by 680 mm.

D *Gap Year New Zealand* - Anna Maw

This book is for any young people thinking of visiting, working, studying or generally living in New Zealand for one or two years. Readers can find out how to find a job, how to obtain a work permit, how to open a bank account, how to get a social security number and lots of other things that are vital for young people spending their gap year in New Zealand.

E *Adventure Time New Zealand* - Natalie McLoughlin

This guide focuses on adventure and eco-travel - a way of travelling that doesn't hurt the natural habitat or the local people - and includes activities like boating, caving, rafting, kayaking, whale watching, biking, hiking, rock climbing, and wildlife excursions. It also gives background on the area's history (both natural and cultural), the native fauna and flora, and basic travel information, such as hotels, restaurants, and shopping. This book makes it easy to tailor individual excursions with options for every taste.

Questions 1 – 5

There are 5 short travel book reviews, A – E, on the next page.

Which review mentions the following information?

Write the correct letter, **A - E**, in boxes **1 - 5** on your answer sheet.

- 1 This is written by an organisation and not an individual.
- 2 This gives advice on cheap places to stay.
- 3 This focuses on holidays that do not damage the environment.
- 4 This will tell readers how to deal with the bureaucratic necessities of working in New Zealand.
- 5 It is advised that the reader does not need to read the whole book.

ANSWERS

1. C
2. A
3. E
4. D
5. B

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