

How well do we know our language?

Activity 2: Naming people in New Zealand

These names have all been used for people in New Zealand:

Research these names and their origins and ask members of your class or another class, along with your family, to tell you what they know about them.

1. Why and where were English settlers in New Zealand called **Maslars**?
2. Who are **Westies**?
3. Who are **Far-Downers**?
4. Who are **Dallies** and what were **Dallies** involved in when they first came to New Zealand?
5. Who were **Pilgrims** in New Zealand?
6. Who were the **Shagroons**?
7. Who were the people known as the **Prophets** in early New Zealand?
8. Who were the **Twelve Apostles** in early New Zealand?
9. Who are **Poms** or **Pommies**?
10. Who were **remittance men**?

Resources:

These dictionaries prepared at the New Zealand Dictionary Centre will help you with your answers:

Orsman, H O (1997) *A Dictionary of New Zealand English*. Melbourne: OUP

Deverson, Tony & Graeme Kennedy (2004) *The New Zealand Oxford Dictionary*. Melbourne: OUP