

Evaluating Skills Worksheet

What Is Evaluating?

Evaluating is getting information from a text to help you make judgements or decisions on a topic and being able to explain why.

How Do We Use Evaluation?

- We form our own judgements and opinions.
- We ask ourselves questions - Do I like this? Does it make sense? Is it the information I need?
- We also use our inference skills (reading between the lines) to help us evaluate texts.

Question 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Auckland, or Tāmaki Makaurau in Māori, is located on the North Island of New Zealand. It is the biggest city in New Zealand with over 1.5 million people living there. It was once the capital of New Zealand, before Wellington. It has many landmarks but two are well-known and recognisable. One of them being the Sky Tower, where you can see incredible views of the city and surrounding harbour. Many people call Auckland the 'City of Sails'. Recently, it has played host to some famous sporting events; The America's Cup Yacht Racing and two Rugby World Cup Finals.



a. What is the famous landmark of Auckland that is not mentioned in the above text?

b. What do you think the 'City of Sails' means? Explain your answer.

c. Why do you think Auckland is no longer the capital city of New Zealand?

Question 2

Look at the image and answer the questions that follow.



a. Is this image useful for someone in Aotearoa? Why, why not?

b. Name one thing that you find interesting about this image?

c. What information do you think is important in this image?

Evaluating Skills Worksheet Answers

Question 1

a. What is the famous landmark of Auckland that is not mentioned in the above text?

The missing landmark is the Auckland Harbour Bridge

b. What do you think the 'City of Sails' means? Explain your answer.

Answers might vary but need to include something linking it to the amount of sailboats that are there.

c. Why do you think Auckland is no longer the capital city of New Zealand?

Answers might vary but need to be around Wellington being a more central location.

Question 2

a. Is this image useful for someone in Aotearoa? Why, why not?

No - the language is not English and the prices are not in New Zealand dollars

b. Name one thing that you find interesting about this image.

Answers might vary. The layout is almost completely colour co-ordinated. The fruit is stacked perfectly on top of each other. It looks hard to get an orange without knocking lots off too. It seems to be grouped all as fruit.

c. What information do you think is important in this image?

Answers might vary. The prices of the items. The type of food sold. How good the food items (fruit) look. Amount of food they have available.