

## NZQA Assessment Support Material

<b>Unit standard</b>	<b>30994</b>				
<b>Title</b>	<b>Read and understand simple texts in everyday contexts (EL)</b>				
<b>Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>1</b>

### Student guidelines

#### AWARD OF CREDIT



This unit standard can be awarded with an Achieved grade only.

#### CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT



This assessment will take place over a timeframe set by the assessor.

- You may ask your teacher to help you understand the task instructions.
- You may use a bilingual and/or an English dictionary but must not use electronic devices.
- You can write the answers or say them to your assessor.

Note:

- Your spelling and grammar do not need to be perfect, but your assessor needs to be able to understand what you mean. This standard assesses reading skills, not speaking or writing skills.

## Assessment task

This is one of two tasks that you will need to do to achieve this unit standard.

Read the text on the next page and complete the assessment task on pages 4–6.

### Student Checklist

<b>In this assessment task you will need to show you can do the following:</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>
Show that you understand key information from the text - at least 5 pieces of information.	1.1
Show that you understand the meaning of important vocabulary in the text - at least 8 words and/or phrases.	1.2

## Reading Text

### Waitomo Caves

Waitomo is a town in the North Island of New Zealand. It was called Waitomo by the Maori people. 'Wai' is the Maori word for water and 'tomo' means hole so Waitomo means a hole with water.

Lots of people visit Waitomo because it has very special caves. These caves are over 30 million years old. Visitors go through the caves by boat. It is very dark in the caves but there are thousands of very small lights on the walls and roof. These lights are made by glow-worms



that shine their lights in the dark. Glow-worms do not like noise or bright light. That is why visitors have to be quiet and cannot take photos.



There are lots of different caves and you can do exciting things in them. You can go rafting, jumping and climbing. There are people to help you to have fun but also to be safe.

Many famous people have visited the caves. Two famous actors flew from China with their family and friends. They had their wedding photos in the cave with the glow-worms. Their photos were seen by many people. A famous New Zealand singer called Kiri Te Kanawa once had a concert in the caves.

The caves are very busy in the summer so it is important to book from December to March and in the school holidays. Winter is a good time to go because it doesn't rain in the caves.

250 words

Student Assessment Task

**Waitomo Caves**

Name: .....

Date: .....

Read the text and answer the questions below.

**Key information for understanding is obtained from the text (1.1).**

**1. Answer the questions**

a. What can you see inside the caves?

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b. What are two things you can do inside the caves?

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c. When is the best time to go?

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**2. Circle the correct answer – True / False**

a. Glow-worms shine their lights only when it is dark. True / False

b. You can only see glow-worms on the roof of the cave. True / False

c. There are two caves. True / False

d. Many people visit the caves in the school holidays. True / False

The meaning of essential vocabulary as used in each text is identified (1.2).

3. Match the words with the pictures. There are more words than you need.

light	friends	concert	hole	climb	jump	photos
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a. ....



b. ....



c. ....



d. ....



e. ....

**4. Add the missing words.** There are more words than you need.

visitors	different	bright	actors	includes	busy	holidays
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f. If you take a photo in the dark there is a ..... light.

g. A lot of people go to Waitomo Caves so it is very .....

h. People who come to the caves are called .....

i. Many people visit the caves in the .....

j. The caves are not all the same. They are very .....