

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2



Text Structure - Description

Introduction

There are many interesting things in the South Island of New Zealand. One of these is Aoraki (Mt Cook). Aoraki is the highest mountain in New Zealand. Its Maori name means "cloud piercer".

Description - includes physical characteristics

This mountain is 3754 metres high. It is part of the range of mountains called the Southern Alps. The mountain is in the Aoraki- Mt Cook National Park. The National Park has hundreds of unique native plants and about 40 types of native birds.

Background information

Many people visit Aoraki each year to climb the mountain. Aoraki is a very steep and dangerous mountain and people who want to climb it need to be very careful and take the right equipment, especially in winter. Each year several people die on Aoraki.

AORAKI (MT COOK)

Language Features

Use of nouns that refer to a particular thing, not general, e.g. Aoraki

Use of describing adjectives, e.g. largest, nine, interesting

Use of pronouns to track the subject, (referencing) e.g. It is 3754 metres high.

Use of detailed noun groups to build up the description, e.g. a very steep and dangerous mountain

Use of relating verbs, e.g. is, are

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. in the world, on Aoraki, in winter