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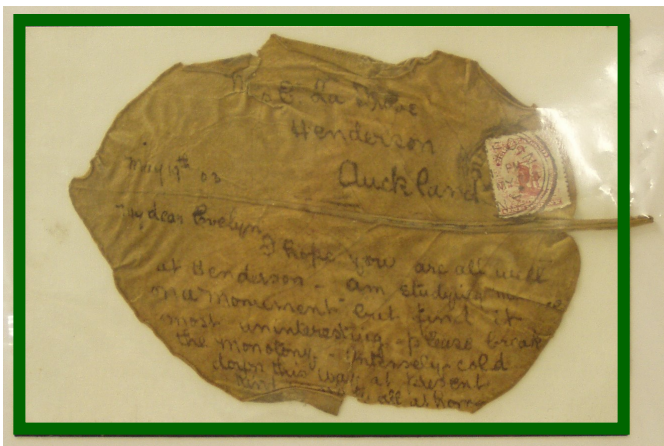
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## A South Island Souvenir

The practice of writing a message on a leaf, affixing a stamp to the leaf, addressing it and posting it through the mail was in vogue in the early years of the 20th Century. In New Zealand the leaves of certain of the tree daisies – brachyglottis rotundifolia (Puheretaiko) and brachyglottis repanda (Rangiora) – were the most commonly used, the former, in the South Island and Stewart Island, the latter in the North Island. Visitors to Stewart Island, in particular, would send leaf messages to their friends as a souvenir of their visit. However, the practice was neither confined to Stewart Island nor to the leaves of these two shrubs.

The Post Office Supplement in the 'New Zealand Gazette' dated 10 September 1912, stated, "Loose tree leaves are not to be accepted for transmission by post to any address." The practice was then abolished as from that date. Later editions of the "Post Office Guide" contained a clause forbidding the carriage of "loose leaf letters."



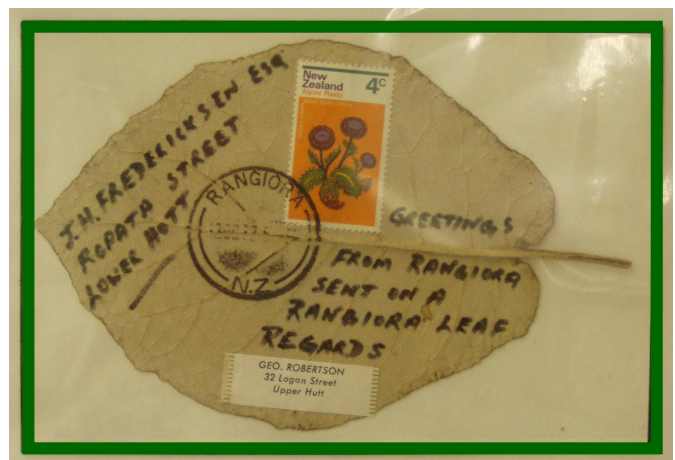
Leaf posted from Dunedin to Henderson, Auckland 20 May 1903



Post 1912 usages, such as this 1962 example of brachyglottis rotundifolia from Mosgiel.



Posted from Port Levy, Banks Peninsula to Chirstchurch 30 May 1906



Leaf with message, "Greetings from Rangiora sent on a Rangiora Leaf". Posted from Rangiora to Lower Hutt 12 October 1972

The last two examples appear to have been sent through the mail in contravention of Post Office rules.

# NAME THE COUNTRY

## Answers

Identify the 12 stamps illustrated and write down the country in the table.



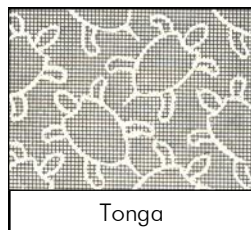
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

Do you know what a watermark is?

It is a thinning of the paper pulp produced by Dandy Rolls while the paper is being made. A Dandy Roll is a kind of roller which presses down on the wet paper pulp. The roller has a design in metal attached, which makes the paper thinner where it touches it. It is put there to make it as difficult as possible for people to forge stamps. Some countries have never used this kind of paper, but England, New Zealand, Australia, and more of the British Colony Countries have in the past.

Watermarks are not always anchors or crowns. There are Lotus flowers (Ceylon), Lions (Persia), Pineapples (Jamaica) and Turtles (Tonga). One of the most common watermarks is the Tudor Crown used when Queen Elizabeth came to the English throne in 1953.



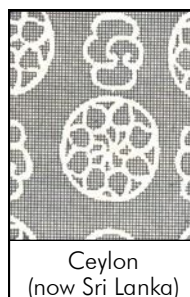
Tonga



New Zealand



England



Ceylon  
(now Sri Lanka)

## HAVING A STAMP HINGE - BINGE

Stamp hinges are very hard to use when we first start out in stamp collecting.

It can be very funny just watching the twisting and tongue-poking to get those first stamp hinges to stick, only to find the stamp is sideways or skew-wiff, not straight, and maybe upside down.

Then you start again twisting arms and tongue, hinges that won't stick so you feel like plonking it all in the round filing bin for ever. If you can laugh about it, keep going. If you are close to tears, yes put it away and start another day.

Try a Stamp Hinging-Binge. Get 50 common stamps, an old album page, folded hinges if you can, now with heaps of patience, try and stick the 50 stamps onto the page.

First just do 10 stamps, limiting your time to no more than 30 minutes. If you still have any patience left and still time, do 25 stamps, you are now getting into a stamp hinge-binge.

Did you know that even if you are only 9 years old, 29 years old or 69 years old, all stamp collectors have to get the hang of hinging stamps. So do persevere and enjoy your stamp collecting.

# DID YOU KNOW

"A stamp was created on the moon when in 1969 during the Apollo 11 Moon flight, the astronauts took with them a die of a postage stamp which they pulled an impression of when they touched down on the moon. Thus creating the moon's first postage stamp! Once the die was returned to earth it was used to produce the 10 cent airmail stamp issued on the 19th of September 1969 by the USA Post Office."



## Sue Claridge in Melbourne

Attending the 2017 FIAP International Stamp Exhibition held in Melbourne was great fun. The exhibition was held over two floors at the Caulfield Racecourse.

The Youth Stand was upstairs amongst the exhibits. Visiting children received a goodie envelope and other items from the stand. They were also given a 'Collecting Guide' brochure that had the basics about collecting stamps, coins and postcards. The booklet gave reasons to collect, the different types of collecting i.e. stamps, numismatics and deltiology (postcards) etc.

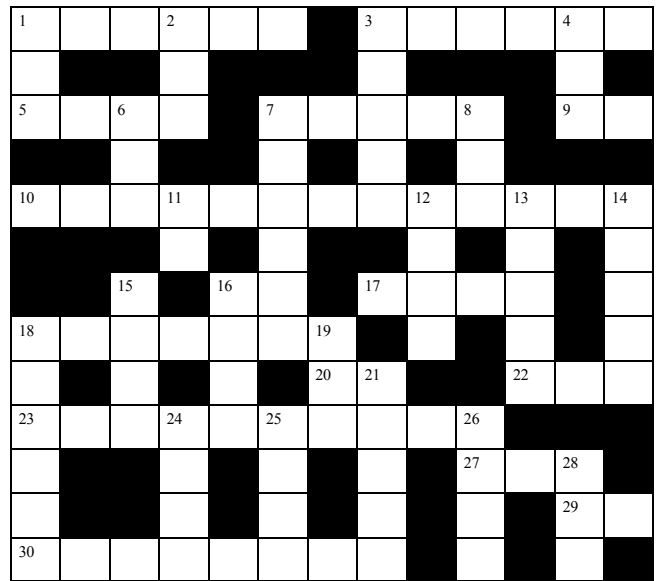
Many children attending were completing a philatelic passport which could then be a perfect souvenir of the show. They visited the booths of each postal administration, purchased a stamp, affixed it to the passport and then had it cancelled.

The youth class entrants from New Zealand included Connor Smith and Lachlan Smith. Both Connor and Lachlan achieved great awards - Vermeil and a special prize for Lachlan - well done.



# Crossword

The crossword clues are mainly based on NZ stamp issues to make it "really simple". Good luck.



### Across

1. 1950 Statue in Christchurch (6)
3. 2003 Veteran Vehicle (6)
5. 1995 An animal (singular) (4)
7. 2003 Return of the King (5)
9. Script ..Watermark (2)
10. 2001 Garden Flower (13)
16. A politically correct Postcard (2)
17. 2005 Bacon on the hoof (4)
18. 1992 Abel Tasman's Ship (7)
20. Edward Rex (or Hospital Series) (2)
22. 1972 Airline (3)
23. 2000 Water bird (5,5)
27. 1994 An Attraction up North in the 1950s (3)
29. 1971 Country ..? (2)
30. 2000 A South Canterbury Definitive (4,4)

### Down

1. 1976 Farm Transport (3)
2. Bid up and get yours at Auction (3)
3. 1994 Rainbow? (5)
4. 2002 The Raider (3)
6. 2001 A type of Craft (3)
7. 1984 Great War destination (6)
8. A Single Stamp (3)
11. 1988 Christmas-old English (2)
12. 1996 Extinct Bird on the road to Whatipu (5)
13. 1980 Takapuna Resident (5)
14. 1998 Art with a Trombone (5)
15. 1997 To be avoided in the Garden (4)
16. You buy one of these from the Post Office (4)
18. 2002 Group one Winner (6)
19. You can buy Stamps here (3)
21. Destroy Paper (3,2)
24. 1991 Birthday.... (4)
25. 1994 Ross Dependency Flyer (4)
26. 1990 A Conservative ?(4)
28. 1997 Feathered Box (3)

*It's  
a Kiwi thing...*



**Beach cricket**

A family game of beach cricket is a summer tradition. Until that over-zealous uncle steps up to the crease (or line in the sand) and the kids duck for cover.

A fun page for you to colour in from the latest issue from New Zealand Post.

*The Worlds most Valuable Stamp*

**BRITISH GUIANA 'ONE CENT' BLACK ON MAGENTA 1856**



Above: The world's most famous stamp, the 1c black on magenta of 1856, British Guiana (SG 23).

'The World's Rarest Stamp' – a unique distinction – is this stamp. The story begins early that year when the current stamps became exhausted and further supplies of the regular 'Ship' issues from Waterlow and Sons were delayed.

The Georgetown postmaster ordered a provisional supply of one cent and four cent stamps from Joseph Baum and William Dallas. In an attempt to reproduce the existing design, they employed a printing block of a sailing vessel, which normally headed their 'Shilling News' page.

The one cent stamps were used mostly for the local delivery of newspapers. A young schoolboy in 1873 came across a grubby specimen amongst old family letters and sold it for six shillings, that's 60cents. When last sold in New York in 2015 at auction it went for USD\$9,400,000!!