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Level 5 – 5th December

Court says 'Kiwi' is not a racist term

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THE READING

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An Australian court has judged that describing a New Zealander as a "Kiwi" is not discriminatory. A worker filed a complaint against a bakery where her colleagues nicknamed her "Kiwi". She said the term "Kiwi" was racial discrimination, insulting and disrespectful. An employment tribunal did not agree and dismissed her complaint. The bakery owner said the term "Kiwi" was one that New Zealanders were proud of. He said New Zealand's government openly approves of the term. He said it is used as "a term of endearment and as a means of identifying as a New Zealander".

The tribunal ruled that calling a New Zealander a Kiwi was not offensive or insulting. The judge said Ms Savage, "did not allege that she suffered unfavourable treatment,...lack of progression or segregation". An equal opportunity commissioner acted on Ms Savage's behalf. She said: "If someone takes particular offence at that nickname...and says they don't like it and asked not to be called that anymore, then in a respectful workplace,...you wouldn't call them that anymore." The bakery owner said he employs "every nationality known to man" and is not a racist.

Sources: <https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/world/377371/calling-someone-a-kiwi-isn-t-racial-discrimination-tribunal>
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-12-03/tribunal-finds-calling-worker-kiwi-not-racial-discrimination/10576356>
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/australia/109061375/new-zealand-woman-loses-racial-discrimination-case-over-kiwi-nickname>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. filed a | a. tribunal |
| 2. her colleagues nicknamed | b. of endearment |
| 3. racial | c. her "Kiwi" |
| 4. An employment | d. discrimination |
| 5. one that New Zealanders | e. as a New Zealander |
| 6. openly approves | f. complaint |
| 7. it is used as "a term | g. of the term |
| 8. a means of identifying | h. were proud of |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. not offensive or | a. progression |
| 2. she suffered unfavourable | b. anymore |
| 3. lack of | c. at that nickname |
| 4. An equal opportunity | d. insulting |
| 5. takes particular offence | e. workplace |
| 6. says they don't | f. commissioner |
| 7. in a respectful | g. treatment |
| 8. you wouldn't call them that | h. like it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Australian (1) _____ that describing a New Zealander as a "Kiwi" is not discriminatory. A worker (2) _____ against a bakery where her colleagues nicknamed her "Kiwi". She (3) _____ "Kiwi" was racial discrimination, insulting and disrespectful. An employment (4) _____ agree and dismissed her complaint. The bakery owner said the term "Kiwi" was one that New Zealanders (5) _____. He said New Zealand's government openly approves of the term. He said it is used as "a term of endearment and (6) _____ of identifying as a New Zealander".

The tribunal (7) _____ a New Zealander a Kiwi was not offensive or insulting. The judge said Ms Savage, "did (8) _____ she suffered unfavourable treatment,...lack of progression or segregation". An equal opportunity commissioner acted on Ms Savage's behalf. She said: "If someone (9) _____ at that nickname...and says they don't like it and asked not to be called that anymore, (10) _____ respectful workplace,...you wouldn't call them that anymore." The bakery owner (11) _____ "every nationality known to man" and is (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KIWIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181205-kiwi-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Kiwis in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181205-kiwi-5.html>

Write about **Kiwis** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
