

# SmartGrowth three level Reading Guide:

## “Population aging”

### Level 1 (reading on the lines)

Instructions: Tick those statements that appear in the text. They may be worded differently but have the same meaning. Be ready to give evidence from the text.

1. Population aging is when there are, or will be, proportionally more old people than young people. \_\_\_\_\_
2. There may be around 35,000 people aged over 80 in the western Bay of Plenty sub-region by 2050. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The western Bay of Plenty sub-region has one of the highest numbers of older people in New Zealand. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Migration can occur when older people move into the sub-region. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Population growth is fastest in people aged over 75 years in the western Bay of Plenty sub-region. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The western Bay of Plenty sub-region is developing a Smart Aging Action plan. \_\_\_\_\_

### Level 2 (reading between the lines)

Instructions: Tick those statements that you think are true from what the text suggests. Find evidence in the text to support your answer.

1. One effect of an aging population is fewer people are working to earn an income. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Bay of Plenty District Health Board will need to plan ahead for increases in demand for elderly health care. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Migration is people of all ages moving to a region. \_\_\_\_\_
4. People are having fewer babies, therefore the ratio of young to old is decreasing. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The predicted increase in the number of people over 65 years is higher in Western Bay of Plenty District than the Tauranga District. \_\_\_\_\_

### Level 3 (reading beyond the lines)

Instructions: Tick those statements you agree with, using what the author says and what you know. Be prepared to back up your argument with reasons.

1. The western Bay of Plenty sub-region may find it hard to keep current living standards due to the aging population. \_\_\_\_\_
2. People are living longer because of their ability to access a better quality of life. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Older New Zealanders find the lifestyle of living in the western Bay of Plenty sub-region attractive. \_\_\_\_\_