

Pacific Languages in New Zealand — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- New Zealand is home to many Pacific Island peoples.
- Languages such as Samoan, Tongan and Cook Islands Māori are spoken.
- Samoan is one of the most widely spoken languages in New Zealand.
- Each language carries its own culture and identity.

Key vocabulary

- Pasifika — Pacific Island peoples and cultures.
- Language — how a people communicates.
- Bilingual — using two languages.
- Heritage — traditions passed down.

Pacific voices

Alongside English and te reo Māori, many Pacific languages are spoken in New Zealand, reflecting its strong Pacific links.

Language weeks

New Zealand celebrates Pacific language weeks to honour and keep these languages alive.