

Te Reo Māori — Vocabulary Mat

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Greetings

- kia ora — hello / thank you
- tēnā koe — hello (to one person)
- haere mai — welcome
- ka kite — see you later
- mōrena — good morning

Useful words

- whānau — family
- kai — food
- tamariki — children
- kura — school
- awa — river
- maunga — mountain
- moana — sea

Numbers 1–5

- tahi — one
- rua — two
- toru — three
- whā — four
- rima — five

A living language

Te reo Māori is one of New Zealand's official languages. Once in danger of being lost, it has been strongly revived, and many words are used in everyday New Zealand life. Learning a few words is a sign of respect for Māori culture.