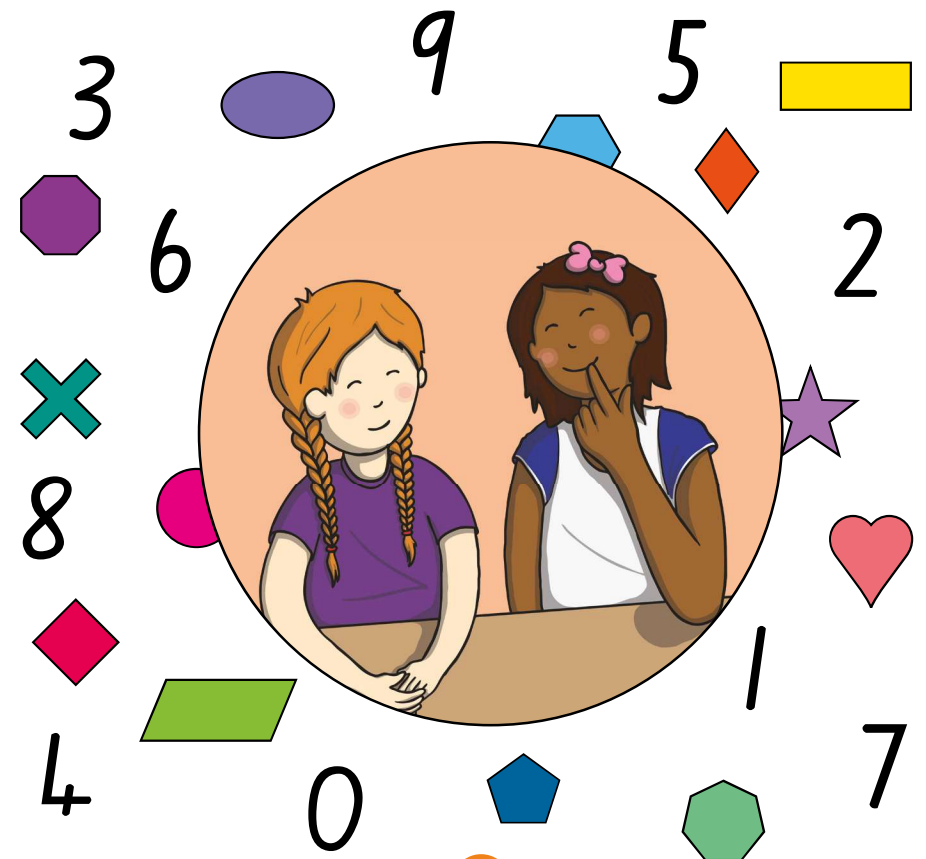


Numbers, Colours and Shapes

A resource for teachers at the beginning of their journey towards understanding and using te reo Māori.



Alphabet and Pronunciation

The Māori Alphabet

Consonants

h k m n ng p r t w wh

Vowels (short)

a e i o u

Vowels (long)

ā ē ī ō ū

Pronunciation

h as in house

hōiho



k as in kitten

kumara



m as in mountain

maunga



n as in necklace

noke



ng as in nger

ngeru



p as in paper

patu



Phrases

Numbers

E hia ngā? How many _____ (things) _____ ?

Tokohia ngā? How many _____ (people) _____ ?

Kotahi te _____ There is one _____ (insert item)

Toko(rua*) nga There are _____

(insert number as second part of word* - refers to counting people)

E _____ ngā _____ (insert item) There are _____ (for between 2-9 items)

Tatauria ngā _____ Count the _____ (insert item)

Ko te aha tēnei tau? What is this number?

Ko te _____ tēnei This is _____ (insert number)

Colours

He aha te tai o tēnei? What colour is this?

He _____ te tai o tēnā _____ (Name of colour) is the colour of that

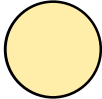

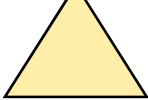

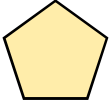


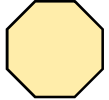









Shapes

He aha tēnei āhua? What shape is this?

He _____ tēnei It is (a) _____ (insert name of shape)

Kei hea te _____ ? Where is the _____ (insert name of shape) ?

Ngā Ahua - Shapes

		
porohita/porowhita circle	tapawhā rite square	tapatoru triangle
		
tapawhā rectangle	taparima pentagon	taparara trapezium
		
tapaono hexagon	tapawaru octagon	taimana diamond
		
whetū star	ripeka cross	hāngai oblong
		
manawa heart	porotītaha oval	taparau polygon
		
whakarara parallelogram	whakarara rite rhombus	

r as in rabbit*

ruru



* some dialects pronounce r with a slight roll

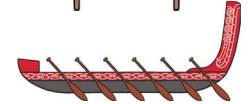
t as in table

tēpu



w as in water

waka













wh* as in fish

wharenuī



* some dialects pronounce wh as in winter

Short Vowels			Long Vowels		
a as in about	Papa		ā as in car	āporo	
e as in enter	kete		ē as in led	ēkara	
i as in eat	ihu		ī as in peep	kuī	
o as in awful	oma		ō as in pork	kōwhai	
u as in to	ua*		ū as in loot	whetū	

* these two vowels are voiced separately

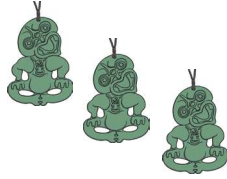
Ngā Tau - Numbers



1 tahi



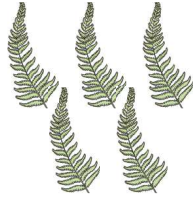
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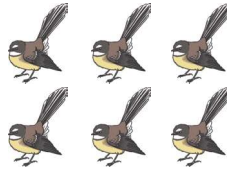
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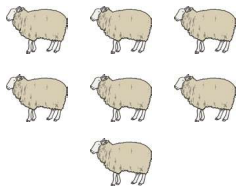
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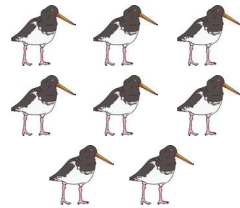
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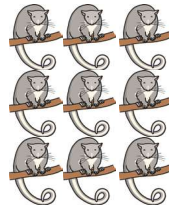
6 ono



7 whitu



8 waru



9 iwa



10 ngahuru

11 tekau mā tahi

12 tekau mā rua

13 tekau mā toru

14 tekau mā whā

15 tekau mā rima

16 tekau mā ono

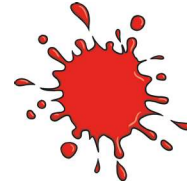
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18 tekau mā waru

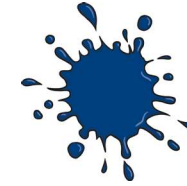
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20 rua tekau

Ngā Tae - Colours



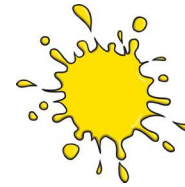
whero
red



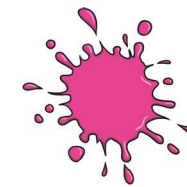
kikorangi
blue



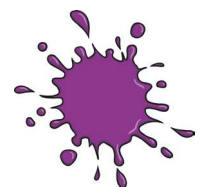
kākāriki
green



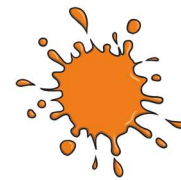
kōwhai
yellow



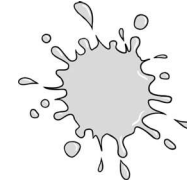
māwhero
pink



waiporoporo
purple



karaka
orange



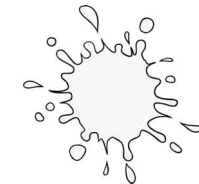
kiwikiwi
grey



parauri
brown



mangu
black



mā
white