

Glossary of Māori Words

Hapū	sub-tribe
Harakeke	flax bush
He	a, or one (pending sentence structure), or some (plural)
Hongi	to press noses, a formal greeting
Iwi	tribal people
Kaiako	teacher
Kaupapa	subject, topic
Kia	let, so that, until = pending sentence structure
Kōhangā	learning nest
Kōkiri	to charge forward
Kura	school, college
Marae	a Māori communal facility <i>(generally consisting of a meeting house, dining hall, kitchen, and ablution area)</i>
Me	and
Mihimihi	greeting
Ngā	the (plural)
○	of
Papa	formally recognised as 'Papatuanuku'—earth mother
Puni	camp
Rangatira	high-ranking person
Reo	language
Tamariki	children
Tāngata whenua	(local) people of the land
Te	the (singular)
Tiriti	treaty
Tongarewa	translucent greenstone, pounamu
Tūngia	to set alight
Tupu	develop
Ururua	overgrown bush
Waka	canoe, vessel
Wānanga	university
Whakamutunga	finish
Whakataukī	proverb
Whakaritorito	heart of the plant
Whānau	family
Whare	house

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Akaroa	Long harbour
Aotearoa	Long white cloud (Māori name for New Zealand)
Hokianga	Returning (Full name: <i>Hokianga-nui-a-Kupe—great returning place of Kupe</i>)
Kaikōura	To eat crayfish (Full name: <i>Te ahi-kaikōura-a-Tama-ki-te-rangi—the cooking and eating of crayfish by Tama-ki-te-rangi</i>)
Kaitāia (Kaitatāia)	Food thrown about
Kapiti	Crevice, joining (Full name: <i>Ko-te-waewae-kapiti-o-Tara-rāua-ko-Rangitane—the place where the boundaries of Tara and Rangitane divide</i>)
Kawhia (Kaawhiawhi)	To perform a ceremony
Kōhangā Reo	Māori preschool
Kupe	The great Polynesian navigator who discovered Aotearoa
Kura Kaupapa	Māori secondary school
Mana	Strength, prestige, power (Full name: <i>Te Mana-o-Kupe-ki-Aotearoa—the strength of Kupe to cross the ocean to Aotearoa</i>)
Manawatū	Heart stood still
Manukau	Wading bird
Māori	Indigenous person of Aotearoa
Motungārara	Insect or lizard island
Ōpōtiki	The place of Pōtiki
Otago	Correctly: Ōtakou—the place of red earth or ochre
Ōtaki	To stick in (the place where the staff was stuck in the ground)
Paihia	Good here (partial transliteration)
Pākehā	White person
Rangitoto	Blood sky
Rotorua	(The) second lake
Ruapuke	Two hills
Tāmaki	Battle (Full name: <i>Tāmaki-makau-rau—Tāmaki of a hundred lovers</i>)
Tauranga	Sheltered anchorage
Te Herenga Waka	The hitching post of the canoes
Te Kaha	The rope (or boundary line)
Te Papa Tongarewa	The Treasure Box (named gifted by Te Arawa) <i>(Our Place, The National Museum)</i>
Te Puni Kōkiri	The group moving forward <i>(the Ministry of Māori Development)</i>
Tokomaru	An ancestral canoe, or a staff shelter
Tolaga	A corruption of Māori (originally Uawa)
Torere	To hurry (or fall headlong)
Uawa	Rainy season
Waiapu	Swallowing water
Waikanae	Water, mullet (the glistening of the mullet)
Waikato	Flowing water
Waimate	Stagnant water
Waitangi	Weeping water
Waitematā (Full name: <i>Wai-te-matātuhua</i>)	The water like obsidian
Whanganui (properly: Whanganui)	Big harbour
Whakarewarewa	To prepare for war (Full name: <i>Te whakarewarewatanga-o-te-Ope-a-Wāhiao—the uprising of the war party at Wāhiao</i>)
Whakatāne	To act like a man (<i>Kia-whakatāne-au-i-ahau—I will act like a man</i>)
Whare Wananga	Place of learning