

1000 frequent words of Māori – in frequency order

- Use this list if you want to know how frequent a word is
- The closer a word is to the top of the list, the more frequent it is. The words are listed from the most frequent word te, in descending order of frequency
- The 360 or so most frequent words are of particular importance to learners since they occur very often
- It is worth while the teacher spending time on these words in class until they are well established
- This list presents the 1000 most frequent words of Māori as identified by two corpora of Māori, the MTC corpus and the MBC corpus
- Note that proper nouns – such as the names of people, places, names of days, names of months have been removed from the list.

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te

i

ki

ka

e

ngā

o

a

he

ko

ana

atu

me

mai

ia

kei

kia

Words above this point in the list occurred 5000 times or more in the corpus

nā

kua

rā

nei

haere

hoki

tētahi

anō
mahi
mea
hei
tonu
mō
ā
tēnei
koe
kōrero
rātou
au
ai
mā
roto
whanaunga
ake
tino
ahau
noa
noho
rawa
kātahi
nui
kore
ō
mōhio
reira
tātou
āhua
whakaaro
iho
tamariki
kī
tangata
whare

Words above this point in the list occurred 2000 times or more in the corpus

tae
kāore
kura
puta
kite
ōna
wāhi
whakaaturanga
ēnei
rua
tōku
tū
tēnā
waka
Māori, māori
pikitia
koutou
rangī
iwi
mau
taha
whenua
reo
rānei
ao
taua
māmā
kāinga
manu
whai
rākau
titiro
māua
hoa
kaha
taea

Words above this point in the list occurred 1000 times or more in the corpus

mātau
roa
tekau
pāpā
muri
kāre
mua
pea
arā
moana
whānau
raro
rere
toa
tika
tuatahi
kupu
ingoa
pā
kotahi
ahakoa
tāngata
momo
pātai
pēnei
kitea
pērā
huri
pō
papa
rite
tere
tīmata
waiata
kaupapa
mere

ora
rongo
tata
tākaro
tohu
taonga
hiahia
hanga
tama
hau
āta
matua
tikanga
mate
mutu
whakaahua
whakautu
mehemea
tangi
awa
pēhea
ringa
waho
toru
ika
rau
konei
moe
ōku
tāna
pou
tuna
anake
heke
tahi
kākahu

Words above this point in the list occurred 500 times or more in the corpus

wāhanga
pakeke
āe
āwhina
kaua
rangatira
whakataetae
karanga
iti
pukapuka
maha
kuia
pango
ērā
aua
take
tāne
hea
i nāianeī (written as ināianeī in older texts)
hou
ehara
tinana
ahi
oma
rōpū
marama
hēoi
Ngāti
wahine
huarahi
hia
āhuetanga
kau
mihi
ngaro
aku

pouaka
auē
kōrua
tuarua
aroha
uru
anei
waewae
hua
rārangi
rerekē
maunga
tāua
piki
tauirā
rima
whaea
whakaatu
āna
whā
mātua
tuhi
kiia
tuku
pepa
rō
kete
moko
toi
kāhore
hāora
Pākehā
tipu
māku
ata
mutunga

whatu
huia
pīrangī
waea
whakamārama
tīma
waenganui
tiaki
oti
rūma
mana
taki
ara
hunga
motokā
rahi
tōu
tawhiti
tāku
ako
riro
kurī
wera
mēnā
koia
ngahere
tiro
ātaahua
kararehe
mīharo
motu
nuinga
reka
tai
eke
kanohi

taka
whakahoki
tatari
kata
toka
kino
whakarongo
kōtiro
koroua
mātauranga
puku
tiki
hui
ono
tamaiti
mataku
otirā
takoto
koro
moni
pū
mīhini
hoatu
mahia
paku
nāna
hāereere
hoko
mārama
mahana
waru
nē
marae
tatau
tuhia
hangaia

horoi
kiri
rawe
waiho
kēmu
taniwha
kōhanga
hīkoi
tukuna
kapa
whānui
tūturu
haka
hī
koinei
uaua
whakaae
utu
kimi
inā
hopu
kawe
whetū
māna
tua
rangatahi
wāhine
mokopuna
pau
hū
pupuri
taumaha
tipuna
koa
haerenga
whakahaere

Words above this point in the list occurred 200 times or more in the corpus

mata
oho
kāti
kaitā
pae
putanga
karaka
tāu
upoko
tīpuna
pānui
patu
wiki
rohe
kanikani
kaukau
whero
ngākau
ngāwari
peke
hine
waha
oranga
tohutohu
wehi
karu
taputapu
whiwhi
pēke
taenga
whiti
mātakitaki
whakamahi
tango
whakaata
hē

raruraru
tonga
miraka
moenga
tautoko
whawhai
tirohia
whakamahia
ahu
māhanga
ngaru
poto
nāianeī
manawa
ture
matau
mura
iwa
ōu
pōtae
teitei
atua
tokorua
nama
poaka
tini
tohunga
waimarie
kiwi
kō
kuhu
whea
neke
tangohia
mano
hōiho

taringa
hiko
rorohiko
tapu
ōrite
whāngai
hika
ina
tūpato
huna
kaitiaki
kui
hinga
tūtaki
aho
ākonga
hiki
pēpi
takiwā
toroa
hari
kōkā
mahara
pēnā
whārangi
āu
kaiako
piri
uri
mamae
kaimahi
māhunga
wawata
hēki
moemoeā
pōro

rapu
wānanga
kāinga
ngutu
hinengaro
whitu
hā
kaumātua
māu
moutere
tāone
karakia
mōkai
pakanga
rīwai
pī
hinu
pōuri
ahiahi
haruru
kāo
kapu
poti
wareware
whakarite
anga
kāri
rino
tono
whakawhiti
tēhea
tētehi
hākinakina
mahue
maumahara
taura

āhei
kaipuke
ohore
parāoa
peka
puare
puke
kōhatu
tahuri
tuatoru
wairua
wehe
mōna
whakamātau
whakamutunga
whakapono
inu
tēpu
tiriti
huruhuru
one
kahurangi
mahere
makawe
rama
roimata
whakatau
kauwhata
niho
nunui
paepae
rongonui
wātea
ārai
pounamu
ringaringa

haramai (haere mai)

mauria

taraka

oneone

taumata

hoariri

hokinga

kitenga

puna

tirotiro

whakamuri

whakatipu

āku

hoe

karani

nuku

poi

tūmanako

tūranga

uta

pirihimana

punua

pupuhi

whakamau

anā

aro

kioe

makariri

whakararo

āpōpō

nāku

painga

pūtaiao

ua

whakangahau

māharahara

pakaru
whakaari
mauī
putiputi
tīmatanga
ihu
raki
rererangi
maroke
matapihi
ngeru
pene
pāmu
tapa
tōkena
pouaka whakaata
meneti
pito
tūrehu
umere
huka
raru
riri
tākuta
manaaki
motuhake
peita
keke
tunu
tūru
whakatū
hāngai
hōia
hurihuri
kīhai
kirikiri

mārō
pūkaha
rapa
reti
ū
whakaritea
hai
pakupaku
ruku
taihoa
tawhito
whutupōro
ātea
awhi
māra
miro
mita
puhi
ākuanei
kapua
tina
tukua
waenga
here
kaiwhakahaere
kakī
whāiti
haurua
ine
pakari
patua
tipua
tuakana
kare
moka
pāketete

Words above this point in the list occurred 100 times or more in the corpus

whakahokia
ārahi
mātaki
mōhiohia
pahi
pātiti
tuarā
hākari
haria
heihei
pōhēhē
purua
toro
waihanga
harakeke
hōhā
mātao
nāwai
pēkana
pono
tapahia
whāia
whakahirahira
hono
matimati
pakitara
atawhai
hangarau
hararei
manuhiri
mōku
rīpene
wero
hokohoko
kākano
pīpī

uhi
whakaora
whakatā
kākāriki
kauhoe
hāparangi
hapū
huakina
ira
māia
mokemoke
otaota
pūkenga
tūpuna
kāpia
rata
tīkina
herea
tupu
paoro
poro
tumeke
whakatakoto
whanga
mīti
tāia
whakaputa
whakatika
koi
pere
tirohanga
toe
toenga
tungāne
whakamā
tao

taro
tokomaha
whakamīharo
hōmai
karāhe
katakata
kāwanatanga
kōwhai
mākū
mauri
parakuihi
purapura
pūrere
rēhia
tī
tukutuku
whakamua
whakarunga
hā
harikoa
ipu
irirangi
maramara
marangai
pāngarau
puehu
purei
tuhituhi
whāinga
whakamāori
pahū
tame
ngārara
noke
parirau
tapahi

ope
whakamaua
wiriwiri
hipi
matekai
pari
poraka
porohita
porowhita
tamatāne
tutuki
weka
wīra
auahi
ētehi
kaituhi
kōtuku
rāwhiti
teina
hāngi
kaikōrero
kāreti
pata
rango
taiapa
tāra
tihi
tohorā
turituri
whakangā
āporo
hōhonu
kongakonga
makere
nanakia
tari

tīni
tote
tōtika
whakamātautau
whakatūpato
kauaka
kāwana
kekeno
mārika
matū
ngata
pare
tuahine
whakatata
rerenga
tāhau
tokotoru
tomo
whakapapa
akoranga
kaute
kēhua
kūmara
tuhinga
whakahau
aituā
kohi
konā
paipa
paru
pūngāwerewere
rangona
rekareka
tātai
tuawhā
kawenga

pēwhea
tinihanga
wharekura
horo
koha
manga
pani
pātene
pāua
rori
tapuwae
tauhou
whakaheke
whakakī
whakapakari
kaitākaro
kōiwi
kupenga
pekapeka
ēnā
hao
hemo
kāpata
ngenge
pana
ui
uku
uwaha
whakauru
ariki
kāwhe
kikī
kohikohi
miriona
panga
tāhuhu

toto
wehenga
whakanui
auau
kāpene
karere
kiromita
nekeneke
paki
pakipaki
pūtake
putu
rerī
whakatikatika
hāmama
hauora
kapi
ngunguru
pātata
pātiki
roanga
tira
tuanui
whakapae
whāriki
kakara
kaweā
kimihia
kōhua
kukume
ngātahi
piriti
retireti
rita
tamāhine
taraiwa

tarau
tuki
whara
haina
kā
kake
kano
mīere
panana
piro
pūrākau
tāpiri
tohua
whakatoi
whiua
ahatia
ākau
āwangawanga
kaimoana
kaipūtaiao
kānga
māhau
mokomoko
pūmau
rongoā
taupoki
tuhituhinga
awatea
haunga
hokona
kahu
mōhiotanga
pirau
pūrerehua
uira
whakatūria

whiu
haki
hāunga
koina
maringi
ngau
oreore
parauri
tonoa
whakairo
whakapaipai
whāwhā
kōkiri
kōpae
pāhi
paruparu
poka
puru
tātahi
uhia
wao
kara
kōrerorero
kōrerotia
piupiu
puoro
pūtea
reta
tonutia
hekenga
meatia
nau
ngaungau
nōku
nōna
pakiwaitara

pupū
taitama
taunga
wahie
waiariki
whakahīhī
whakapiri
whāki
aihikirīmi
hara
kakau
kōrere
kuini
pōhatu
wawe
whakapai
aorangi
hāwhe
huritau
kamo