

This is a list of the 1,000 most commonly spoken Maori words.

Number	Maori	in English
1	rite	as
2	ahau	I
3	tona	his
4	e	that
5	e ia	he
6	ko	was
7	hoki	for
8	runga i	on
9	ko	are
10	ki	with
11	ratou	they
12	kia	be
13	i	at
14	kotahi	one
15	E	have
16	tenei	this
17	mei	from
18	by	by
19	wera	hot
20	kupu	word
21	engari	but
22	te aha	what
23	etahi	some
24	ko te	is
25	reira	it
26	koutou	you
27	ranei	or
28	ia	had
29	te	the
30	o	of
31	ki	to
32	ka	and
33	a	a
34	i roto i te	in
35	tatou i	we
36	taea e	can
37	i roto i	out

38	atu	other
39	he	were
40	nei	which
41	te mahi	do
42	ratou	their
43	te wā	time
44	ki te	if
45	e pai	will
46	pehea	how
47	mea	said
48	he	an
49	ia	each
50	korero ki	tell
51	meatia e	does
52	huinga	set
53	e toru	three
54	hiahia	want
55	hau	air
56	pai	well
57	hoki	also
58	te tākarō	play
59	iti	small
60	mutunga	end
61	maka	put
62	te kāinga	home
63	tai'o	read
64	ringa	hand
65	tauranga	port
66	nui	large
67	takikupu	spell
68	tāpiri i	add
69	ara	even
70	te whenua	land
71	i konei	here
72	me	must
73	nui	big
74	tiketike	high
75	i taua	such
76	te whai	follow
77	mahi	act

78	he aha	why
79	ui	ask
80	tangata	men
81	huringa	change
82	haere	went
83	te marama	light
84	atawhai	kind
85	atu	off
86	Me	need
87	whare	house
88	pikitia	picture
89	tamata	try
90	tatou	us
91	ano	again
92	kararehe	animal
93	tata	point
94	whaea	mother
95	te ao	world
96	tata	near
97	hanga	build
98	whaiaro	self
99	te whenua	earth
100	papa	father
101	tetahi	any
102	hou	new
103	mahi	work
104	wāhanga	part
105	tango	take
106	whiwahi	get
107	wahi	place
108	hanga	made
109	ora	live
110	i reira	where
111	i muri i	after
112	hoki	back
113	iti	little
114	anake	only
115	tawhio	round
116	te tangata	man
117	tau	year

118	haere mai	came
119	whakaatu	show
120	nga	every
121	pai	good
122	ahau	me
123	hoatu	give
124	to tatou	our
125	i raro i	under
126	ingoa	name
127	rawa	very
128	i roto i	through
129	tika	just
130	puka	form
131	rerenga kōrero	sentence
132	nui	great
133	whakaaro	think
134	mea	say
135	tauturu i te	help
136	iti	low
137	raina	line
138	rerekē	differ
139	tahuri	turn
140	take	cause
141	nui	much
142	te tikanga	mean
143	i mua i	before
144	nekehanga	move
145	matau	right
146	tamaiti	boy
147	tau	old
148	rawa	too
149	taua	same
150	ia	she
151	katoa	all
152	i reira	there
153	ka	when
154	ake	up
155	whakamahi	use
156	koutou	your
157	ara	way

158	e pā ana ki	about
159	maha	many
160	ka	then
161	ratou	them
162	te tuhituhi	write
163	pai	would
164	rite	like
165	na	so
166	enei	these
167	ia	her
168	roa	long
169	hanga	make
170	mea	thing
171	kite	see
172	ia ia	him
173	e rua	two
174	he	has
175	titiro	look
176	atu	more
177	ra	day
178	taea	could
179	haere	go
180	haere mai	come
181	i mea ai	did
182	te tau	number
183	tangi	sound
184	kahore	no
185	te nuinga	most
186	te iwi	people
187	toku	my
188	ki runga	over
189	e mohio ana	know
190	wai	water
191	atu	than
192	karanga	call
193	tuatahi	first
194	nei	who
195	kia	may
196	ki raro	down
197	taha	side

198	kua	been
199	i teie nei	now
200	kitea	find
201	upoko	head
202	tu	stand
203	ake	own
204	whārangī	page
205	kia	should
206	whenua	country
207	kitea	found
208	ka whakahoki	answer
209	te kura	school
210	tupu	grow
211	te tai'oraa i te	study
212	tonu	still
213	ako	learn
214	te tipu	plant
215	cover	cover
216	kai	food
217	ra	sun
218	e wha	four
219	i waenganui i	between
220	kāwanatanga	state
221	kia mau	keep
222	kanohi	eye
223	kore	never
224	whakamutunga	last
225	kia	let
226	whakaaro	thought
227	pa	city
228	rakau	tree
229	whakawhiti	cross
230	pāmu	farm
231	pakeke	hard
232	tīmatanga	start
233	te kaha	might
234	kōrero	story
235	kite	saw
236	tawhiti	far
237	te moana	sea

238	te utu	draw
239	mahue	left
240	te mutunga	late
241	oma	run
242	te mahi e kore e	don't
243	ia	while
244	press	press
245	tata	close
246	te po	night
247	tūturu	real
248	ora	life
249	torutoru	few
250	ki te raki	north
251	pukapuka	book
252	kawe	carry
253	ka tango	took
254	pūtaiao	science
255	kai	eat
256	ruma	room
257	hoa	friend
258	ka timata	began
259	whakaaro	idea
260	ika	fish
261	maunga	mountain
262	mutu	stop
263	kotahi	once
264	turanga	base
265	rongo	hear
266	hoiho	horse
267	tapahia	cut
268	tino	sure
269	mataara	watch
270	te tae	color
271	kanohi	face
272	rakau	wood
273	matua	main
274	tuwhera	open
275	te mea	seem
276	tahi	together
277	i muri	next

278	white	white
279	tamariki	children
280	timata	begin
281	ka	got
282	haere	walk
283	tauira	example
284	mamatanga	ease
285	pepa	paper
286	rōpū	group
287	tonu	always
288	waiata	music
289	te hunga	those
290	e rua	both
291	tohu	mark
292	maha	often
293	reta	letter
294	tae noa ki	until
295	mile	mile
296	te awa	river
297	motokā	car
298	waewae	feet
299	tiaki	care
300	tuarua	second
301	nui	enough
302	mania	plain
303	kotiro	girl
304	mua	usual
305	taitamariki	young
306	rite	ready
307	i runga	above
308	ake	ever
309	whero	red
310	rārangi	list
311	ahakoa	though
312	ite	feel
313	korero	talk
314	manu	bird
315	hohoro	soon
316	tinana	body
317	kuri	dog

318	whānau	family
319	tika	direct
320	tūpono	pose
321	waiho	leave
322	waiata	song
323	whanganga	measure
324	tatau	door
325	hua	product
326	mangu	black
327	poto	short
328	whika	numeral
329	te piha	class
330	hau	wind
331	pātai	question
332	tupu	happen
333	oti	complete
334	kaipuke	ship
335	rohe	area
336	hawhe	half
337	toka	rock
338	kia	order
339	te ahi	fire
340	ki te tonga	south
341	raruraru	problem
342	wahi	piece
343	ka korerotia	told
344	i mohio	knew
345	haere	pass
346	mai	since
347	runga	top
348	katoa	whole
349	te kingi	king
350	street	street
351	inihi	inch
352	kia tini	multiply
353	kahore	nothing
354	akoranga	course
355	noho	stay
356	wira	wheel
357	tonu	full

358	kaha	force
359	puru	blue
360	ahanoa	object
361	whakatau	decide
362	mata	surface
363	hohonu	deep
364	marama	moon
365	motu	island
366	waewae	foot
367	pūnaha	system
368	pukumahi	busy
369	whakamātautau	test
370	record	record
371	kaipuke	boat
372	noa	common
373	koura	gold
374	taea	possible
375	plane	plane
376	i muri ia ia	stead
377	maroke	dry
378	uiui nei	wonder
379	i kata	laugh
380	mano	thousand
381	i ma'iri a'e nei	ago
382	rere	ran
383	taki	check
384	game	game
385	hanga	shape
386	whakaōrite i	equate
387	wera	hot
388	pahemo	miss
389	kawea	brought
390	wera	heat
391	hukarere	snow
392	mauiui	tire
393	kawea	bring
394	ae	yes
395	tawhiti	distant
396	whakakiia e	fill
397	rawhiti	east

398	peita	paint
399	te reo	language
400	i roto i	among
401	kōwae	unit
402	mana	power
403	pa	town
404	pai	fine
405	etahi	certain
406	rere	fly
407	hinga	fall
408	arahi	lead
409	karanga	cry
410	pouri	dark
411	mihini	machine
412	tuhipoka	note
413	tatari	wait
414	mahere	plan
415	ahua	figure
416	whetu	star
417	pouaka	box
418	noun	noun
419	mara	field
420	era atu	rest
421	tika	correct
422	taea	able
423	pauna	pound
424	mea ai	done
425	ataahua	beauty
426	puku	drive
427	tu	stood
428	Kei roto i	contain
429	mua	front
430	e whakaako	teach
431	wiki	week
432	whakamutunga	final
433	i hoatu	gave
434	matomato	green
435	oh	oh
436	tere	quick
437	whakawhanake	develop

438	moana	ocean
439	mahana	warm
440	noa	free
441	meneti	minute
442	kaha	strong
443	motuhake	special
444	whakaaro	mind
445	ki muri	behind
446	mārama	clear
447	hiku	tail
448	te whakaputa	produce
449	meka	fact
450	wāhi	space
451	rongo	heard
452	pai	best
453	haora	hour
454	pai	better
455	pono	true
456	i roto i	during
457	rau	hundred
458	e rima	five
459	mahara	remember
460	taahiraa	step
461	wawe	early
462	mau	hold
463	hauauru	west
464	whenua	ground
465	pānga	interest
466	tae	reach
467	nohopuku	fast
468	verb	verb
469	waiata	sing
470	whakarongo	listen
471	e ono	six
472	tepu	table
473	haere	travel
474	iti iho	less
475	ata	morning
476	tekau	ten
477	simple	simple

478	e rave rahi	several
479	oropuare	vowel
480	ki	toward
481	te whawhai	war
482	takoto	lay
483	ki	against
484	tauira	pattern
485	puhoi	slow
486	te pokapū	center
487	aroha	love
488	tangata	person
489	moni	money
490	e mahi	serve
491	puta	appear
492	te ara	road
493	map	map
494	ua	rain
495	tikanga	rule
496	faatere i	govern
497	hutia	pull
498	matao	cold
499	pānui	notice
500	reo	voice
501	pūngao	energy
502	whaiwhai	hunt
503	pea	probable
504	moenga	bed
505	teina	brother
506	hua	egg
507	tere	ride
508	pūtau	cell
509	te whakapono	believe
510	pea	perhaps
511	tangohia	pick
512	ohorere	sudden
513	tatau	count
514	tapawha	square
515	take	reason
516	roa	length
517	tohu	represent

518	koe	art
519	i raro	subject
520	rohe	region
521	rahi	size
522	rerekē	vary
523	whakatau	settle
524	korero	speak
525	taimaha	weight
526	whānui	general
527	te huka	ice
528	mea	matter
529	porowhita	circle
530	takirua	pair
531	ngā	include
532	wehenga	divide
533	haukūoro	syllable
534	ua	felt
535	rahi	grand
536	pōro i	ball
537	ano	yet
538	poipoi	wave
539	maturuturu	drop
540	ngakau	heart
541	ahau	am
542	reira	present
543	taimaha	heavy
544	kanikani	dance
545	pūkaha	engine
546	tūnga	position
547	ringa	arm
548	whānui	wide
549	rere	sail
550	rauemi	material
551	hautanga	fraction
552	ngahere	forest
553	noho	sit
554	iwi	race
555	matapihi	window
556	toa	store
557	raumati	summer

558	tereina	train
559	moe	sleep
560	hei whakamatautau	prove
561	ana'e	lone
562	waewae	leg
563	mahi	exercise
564	taiepa	wall
565	hao	catch
566	maunga	mount
567	hiahia	wish
568	rangi	sky
569	poari	board
570	hari	joy
571	hotoke	winter
572	Rahoroi	sat
573	i tuhituhia	written
574	mohoao	wild
575	taputapu	instrument
576	pupuri	kept
577	karaihe	glass
578	tarutaru	grass
579	kau	cow
580	mahi	job
581	mata	edge
582	tohu	sign
583	haerenga	visit
584	mua	past
585	ngohengohe	soft
586	pārekareka	fun
587	kanapa	bright
588	hau	gas
589	rangi	weather
590	marama	month
591	miriona	million
592	e mau	bear
593	whakaoti	finish
594	hari	happy
595	Te ti'aturi nei	hope
596	puawai	flower
597	e kakahu ana io	clothe

598	ke	strange
599	riro	gone
600	hokohoko	trade
601	e waiata ana	melody
602	haerenga	trip
603	tari	office
604	ia farii i	receive
605	rarangi	row
606	mangai	mouth
607	tangohia	exact
608	tohu	symbol
609	mate	die
610	te iti rawa	least
611	raruraru	trouble
612	hamama	shout
613	ki te kahore	except
614	i tuhituhi	wrote
615	uri	seed
616	reo	tone
617	amui atu	join
618	whakaaro	suggest
619	ma	clean
620	break	break
621	wahine	lady
622	iari	yard
623	whakatika	rise
624	kino	bad
625	pupuhi	blow
626	hinu	oil
627	toto	blood
628	pa ki	touch
629	tupu	grew
630	ōrau	cent
631	uru	mix
632	rōpū	team
633	waea	wire
634	utu	cost
635	ngaro	lost
636	parauri	brown
637	kakahu	wear

638	kari	garden
639	rite	equal
640	ka tonoa	sent
641	te whiriwhiri	choose
642	hinga	fell
643	uru	fit
644	rere	flow
645	ataahua	fair
646	pēke	bank
647	kohikohi	collect
648	whakaora	save
649	mana	control
650	ira	decimal
651	taringa	ear
652	atu	else
653	tino	quite
654	whawhati	broke
655	take	case
656	waenganui	middle
657	te whakamate	kill
658	tama	son
659	roto	lake
660	taime	moment
661	tauine	scale
662	nui	loud
663	puna	spring
664	puritia e	observe
665	tamaiti	child
666	tika tonu	straight
667	orokati	consonant
668	iwi	nation
669	papakupu	dictionary
670	te waiu	milk
671	tere	speed
672	tikanga	method
673	whēkau	organ
674	aufau i te	pay
675	tau	age
676	wāhanga	section
677	kākahu	dress

678	kapua	cloud
679	maere	surprise
680	ata	quiet
681	kohatu	stone
682	iti	tiny
683	piki	climb
684	hauhautanga	cool
685	hoahoa	design
686	rawakore	poor
687	rota	lot
688	whakamātau	experiment
689	raro	bottom
690	matua	key
691	rino	iron
692	kotahi	single
693	tokotoko	stick
694	flat	flat
695	e rua tekau	twenty
696	kiri	skin
697	ataata	smile
698	pae	crease
699	rua	hole
700	peke	jump
701	te tamaiti	baby
702	e waru	eight
703	kainga	village
704	hui	meet
705	pakiaka	root
706	hoko	buy
707	whakaara	raise
708	te whakaoti	solve
709	whakarewa	metal
710	ahakoa	whether
711	pana	push
712	e whitu	seven
713	kōwae	paragraph
714	te toru	third
715	ka	shall
716	pūpuri	held
717	makawe	hair

718	whakaahua	describe
719	tuari	cook
720	papa	floor
721	rānei	either
722	hua	result
723	tahu	burn
724	pukepuke	hill
725	haumarū	safe
726	ngeru	cat
727	rau	century
728	whakaaro	consider
729	momo	type
730	te ture	law
731	moka	bit
732	rohe	coast
733	tārua	copy
734	kīanga	phrase
735	puku	silent
736	roroa	tall
737	onepu	sand
738	oneone	soil
739	pukapuka	roll
740	pāmahana	temperature
741	maihao	finger
742	ahumahi	industry
743	uara	value
744	whawhai	fight
745	teka	lie
746	whiua	beat
747	tokomaui	excite
748	māori	natural
749	Tiro	view
750	tikanga	sense
751	whakapaipai	capital
752	e kore e	won't
753	heamana	chair
754	mōrearea	danger
755	hua	fruit
756	taonga	rich
757	matotoru	thick

758	hoia	soldier
759	tukanga	process
760	whakahaere	operate
761	mahi	practice
762	wehe	separate
763	uaua	difficult
764	tākuta	doctor
765	tēnā	please
766	te tiaki	protect
767	te poutumarotanga	noon
768	hua	crop
769	hou	modern
770	huānga	element
771	patua	hit
772	ngā ākonga	student
773	kokonga	corner
774	rōpū	party
775	homai	supply
776	tona	whose
777	te kimi	locate
778	mowhiti	ring
779	pūāhua	character
780	pepeke	insect
781	mau	caught
782	wā	period
783	tohu	indicate
784	reo irirangi	radio
785	ka korero	spoke
786	ngota	atom
787	tangata	human
788	hītori	history
789	pānga	effect
790	hiko	electric
791	e ti'aturi	expect
792	wheua	bone
793	whakakorekore mo	rail
794	whakaaro	imagine
795	whakarato	provide
796	whakaae	agree
797	te kupu	thus

798	ngawari	gentle
799	te wahine	woman
800	rangatira	captain
801	imi i	guess
802	e tika ana	necessary
803	koi	sharp
804	parirau	wing
805	te waihanga	create
806	hoa	neighbor
807	horoi	wash
808	pekapeka	bat
809	kaua	rather
810	mano	crowd
811	witi	corn
812	whakatairite i	compare
813	ruri	poem
814	string	string
815	pere	bell
816	whakawhirinaki	depend
817	kai	meat
818	te horoitanga i	rub
819	ngongo	tube
820	rongonui	famous
921	tāra	dollar
822	awa	stream
823	wehi	fear
284	titiro	sight
825	kikokore	thin
826	tapatoru	triangle
827	ao	planet
828	hohoro	hurry
829	rangatira	chief
830	koroni	colony
831	karaka	clock
832	oku	mine
833	here	tie
834	tomo	enter
835	matua	major
836	hou	fresh
837	rapu	search

838	tukua atu	send
839	kōwhai	yellow
840	pū	gun
841	tukua	allow
842	tā	print
843	mate	dead
844	wahi	spot
845	koraha	desert
846	take	suit
847	o nāianeī	current
848	ararewa	lift
840	whakatika	rose
850	tae	arrive
851	ariki	master
852	ara	track
853	matua	parent
854	uta	shore
855	te wehenga	division
856	whārangi	sheet
857	taonga	substance
858	kia paingia	favor
859	hono	connect
860	pou	post
861	whakapau	spend
862	chord	chord
863	te ngako	fat
864	koa	glad
865	taketake	original
866	share	share
867	teihana	station
868	dad	dad
869	taro	bread
870	He ki atu tenei	charge
871	tika	proper
872	pae	bar
873	tuku	offer
874	wāhanga	segment
875	pononga	slave
876	pārera	duck
877	tonu	instant

878	māketē	market
879	tohu	degree
880	huri	populate
881	pīpī	chick
882	aroha	dear
883	hoariri	enemy
884	whakautu	reply
885	inu	drink
886	puta	occur
887	tautoko	support
888	kupu	speech
889	āhua	nature
890	ngā tūmomo	range
891	korohū	steam
892	motini	motion
893	ara	path
894	wai	liquid
895	takiuru	log
896	te auaa	meant
897	huawehe	quotient
898	niho	teeth
899	anga	shell
900	kaki	neck
901	hāora	oxygen
902	huka	sugar
903	te mate	death
904	pretty	pretty
905	pūkenga	skill
906	wahine	women
907	wa	season
908	otinga	solution
909	ovahine	magnet
910	hiriwa	silver
911	whakawhetai	thank
912	peka	branch
913	ōrite	match
914	pīmuri	suffix
915	rawa	especially
916	piki	fig
917	wehi	afraid

918	nui	huge
919	tuahine	sister
920	maitai	steel
921	te matapaki i	discuss
922	whakamua	forward
923	rite	similar
924	te ārahi i	guide
925	wheako	experience
926	kaute	score
927	aporo	apple
928	hokona	bought
929	arahina	led
930	te ware	pitch
931	koti	coat
932	papatipu	mass
933	kāri	card
934	pēne	band
935	taura	rope
936	pepa	slip
937	wikitōria	win
938	moe	dream
939	ahiahi	evening
940	huru	condition
941	kai	feed
942	taputapu	tool
943	katoa	total
944	taketake	basic
945	kakara	smell
946	raorao	valley
947	e kore	nor
948	rua	double
949	nohoanga	seat
950	tonu	continue
951	poraka	block
952	tūtohi	chart
953	pōtae	hat
954	hoko	sell
955	angitu	success
956	kamupene	company
957	tango	subtract

958	takahanga	event
959	ngā	particular
960	mahi	deal
961	kaukau	swim
962	wā	term
963	te ritenga atu	opposite
964	wahine	wife
965	hu	shoe
966	pokohiwi	shoulder
967	horapa	spread
968	whakarite	arrange
969	puni	camp
970	whakaaroa	invent
971	miro	cotton
972	matamua	born
973	whakataua	determine
974	hine	quart
975	e iwa	nine
976	taraka	truck
977	haruru	noise
978	taumata	level
979	tupono	chance
980	kohikohi	gather
981	toa	shop
982	totoro	stretch
983	maka	throw
984	whiti	shine
985	rawa	property
986	tīwae	column
987	muingota	molecule
988	tīpako	select
989	he	wrong
990	hina	gray
991	tukurua	repeat
992	e rapu	require
993	whanui	broad
994	te faaineine	prepare
995	tote	salt
996	ihu	nose
997	vahine	plural

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