

These activities are designed to inspire you to learn te reo Māori. The theme for all activities focus on te taiao (nature).

Below is a glossary of the repeated te reo Māori words you will see in the activities.

putiputi - flower

kōhatu, toka - rock

pātītī - grass

rau - leaf

Te wiki o te reo Māori
Māori Language Week

Family Activity

13 Mahuru 2021 –
19 Mahuru 2021

TeTuhi

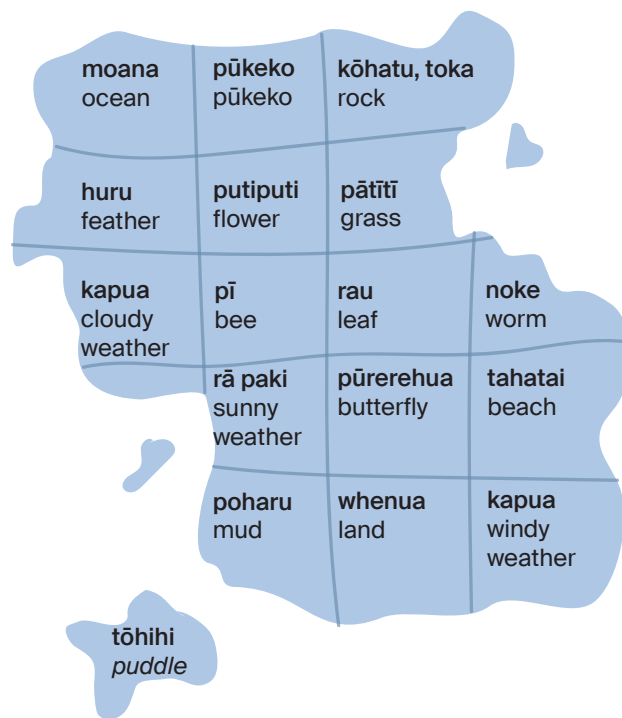
→ Activity two

Pick putiputi. Arrange them onto a piece of paper. Place a sheet of baking paper on top. With the help of an adult, tap with a hammer to make a floral impression. Remove the flowers and baking paper to see the result.



→ Activity one

Go for a walk in your neighbourhood. Take this piece of paper with you and cross off the words below when you see them on your journey.



→ Activity three

Let's use te taiao to practice spelling words in te reo Māori.

Find six rocks. Dip your finger in water and spell the word kōhatu by writing each letter of a new rock.



Can you spell the word putiputi using flowers you've found?



Can you spell the word pātītī using blades of grass?

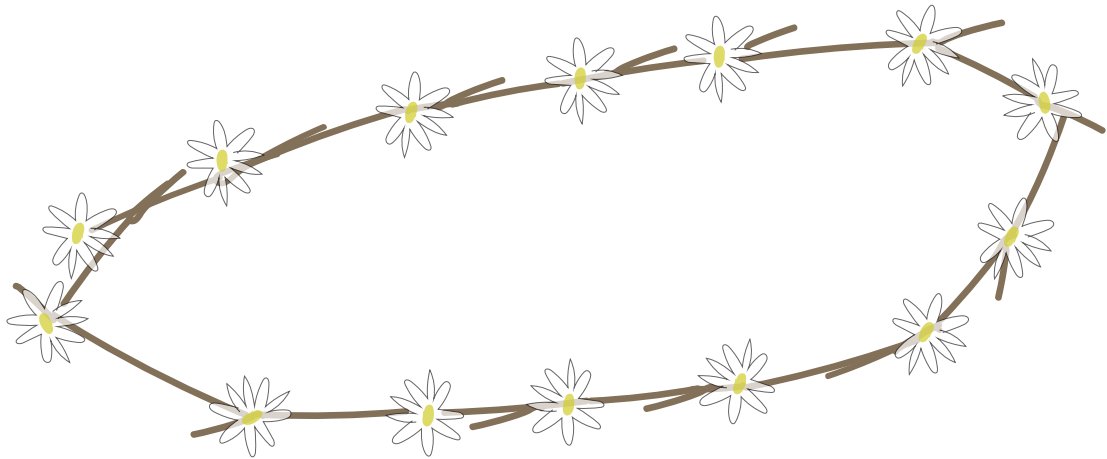
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→ Activity four

At Te Tuhi, in the 2020 exhibition DE-celerate, Aotearoa based artist Maureen Lander created multiple pare, which are Māori headbands or wreaths that symbolise important life events – times of joy, celebration and dance.

Some of Maureen's pare evoke childhood memories of making daisy chains.

With the putiputi you have collected, can you make your own pare? Towards the end of each flower stem, use your fingernail to make a small split, this is where you can feed the next flower into.



→ Activity five

Collect rau. Place and glue them onto the branches of the tree to complete a collage.

