### 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.

**Note:** the closer a word is to the top of this list, the more frequent it is

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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 | *Words above this point in the list occurred 2000 times or more in the corpus* |
| noa |  |
| noho |  |
| rawa |  |
| kātahi |  |
| nui |  |
| kore |  |
| ō |  |
| mōhio |  |
| reira |  |
| tātou |  |
| āhua |  |
| whakaaro |  |
| iho |  |
| tamariki |  |
| kī |  |
| tangata |  |
| whare |  |
| tae |  |
| kāore |  |
| kura |  |
| puta |  |
| kite |  |
| ōna |  |
| wāhi |  |
| whakaaturanga |  |
| ēnei |  |
| rua |  |
| tōku |  |
| tū |  |
| tēnā |  |
| waka |  |
| Māori, māori |  |
| pikitia |  |
| koutou |  |
| rangi |  |
| iwi |  |
| mau |  |
| taha |  |
| whenua |  |
| reo |  |
| rānei |  |
| ao |  |
| taua |  |
| māmā | *Words above this point in the list occurred 1000 times or more in the corpus* |
| kāinga |  |
| manu |  |
| whai |  |
| rākau |  |
| titiro |  |
| māua |  |
| hoa |  |
| kaha |  |
| taea |  |
| 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 | *Words above this point in the list occurred 500 times or more in the corpus* |
| ōku |  |
| tāna |  |
| pou |  |
| tuna |  |
| anake |  |
| heke |  |
| tahi |  |
| kākahu |  |
| wāhanga |  |
| pakeke |  |
| āe |  |
| āwhina |  |
| kaua |  |
| rangatira |  |
| whakataetae |  |
| karanga |  |
| iti |  |
| pukapuka |  |
| maha |  |
| kuia |  |
| pango |  |
| ērā |  |
| aua |  |
| take |  |
| tāne |  |
| hea |  |
| i nāianei (written as ināianei in older texts) |  |
| hou |  |
| ehara |  |
| tinana |  |
| ahi |  |
| oma |  |
| rōpū |  |
| marama |  |
| hēoi |  |
| Ngāti |  |
| wahine |  |
| huarahi |  |
| hia |  |
| āhuatanga |  |
| kau |  |
| mihi |  |
| ngaro |  |
| aku |  |
| pouaka |  |
| auē |  |
| kōrua |  |
| tuarua |  |
| aroha |  |
| uru |  |
| anei |  |
| waewae |  |
| hua |  |
| rārangi |  |
| rerekē |  |
| maunga |  |
| tāua |  |
| piki |  |
| tauira |  |
| rima |  |
| whaea |  |
| whakaatu |  |
| āna |  |
| whā |  |
| mātua |  |
| tuhi |  |
| kiia |  |
| tuku |  |
| pepa |  |
| rō |  |
| kete |  |
| moko |  |
| toi |  |
| kāhore |  |
| hāora |  |
| Pākehā |  |
| tipu |  |
| māku |  |
| ata |  |
| mutunga |  |
| whatu |  |
| huia |  |
| pīrangi |  |
| 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 | *Words above this point in the list occurred 200 times or more in the corpus* |
| taumaha |  |
| tipuna |  |
| koa |  |
| haerenga |  |
| whakahaere |  |
| 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 |  |
| nāianei |  |
| 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 |  |
| ohorere |  |
| 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 |  |
| kiore |  |
| 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 | *Words above this point in the list occurred 100 times or more in the corpus* |
| here |  |
| kaiwhakahaere |  |
| kakī |  |
| whāiti |  |
| haurua |  |
| ine |  |
| pakari |  |
| patua |  |
| tipua |  |
| tuakana |  |
| kare |  |
| moka |  |
| pākete |  |
| whakahokia |  |
| ārahi |  |
| mātaki |  |
| mōhiotia |  |
| pahi |  |
| pātītī |  |
| 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 |  |
| uwha |  |
| whakauru |  |
| ariki |  |
| kāwhe |  |
| kikī |  |
| kohikohi |  |
| miriona |  |
| panga |  |
| tāhuhu |  |
| toto |  |
| wehenga |  |
| whakanui |  |
| auau |  |
| kāpene |  |
| karere |  |
| kiromita |  |
| nekeneke |  |
| paki |  |
| pakipaki |  |
| pūtake |  |
| putu |  |
| reri |  |
| whakatikatika |  |
| hāmama |  |
| hauora |  |
| kapi |  |
| ngunguru |  |
| pātata |  |
| pātiki |  |
| roanga |  |
| tira |  |
| tuanui |  |
| whakapae |  |
| whāriki |  |
| kakara |  |
| kawea |  |
| kimihia |  |
| kōhua |  |
| kukume |  |
| ngātahi |  |
| piriti |  |
| retireti |  |
| rita |  |
| tamāhine |  |
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