

Pronunciation Guide

Vowels Ngā oropuare

Māori vowels are much the same as many other languages (except English!). Here are the short vowels:



Macrons Ngā tohutō

A macron is a line written above a vowel and indicates a long vowel sound. Many people are unsure when to use them, but they make a big difference!



For example Hei tauira

He *keke māu*?
Would you like some *cake*?



He *kēkē māu*?
Would you like some *armpit*?

Consonants Ngā orokati



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