



New Zealand Slang

G'day	Hello
Roundabout	Traffic circle
Bach	Holiday home
Mate	Buddy, friend
Brassed off	Annoyed
No worries	No need to worry
Choice	Very good
Pakeha	Non-Maori New Zealander
Rattle your dags	Hurry up
Crook	Unwell
She'll be right	Not a problem
Cuppa	Cup of tea, coffee
Stubby	Small bottle of beer
Dairy	Corner store
Stuffed	Really tired
Dunny	Toilet
Suss	To figure out
Fizzy drink	Soda pop
Ta	Thanks
Flash	Looking good



See ya	Goodbye
Good on ya, mate!	Well done
Take-aways	Fast food
Good as gold	Affirmative answer
Take a hike	Go away!
Tea	Dinner
Hunky dory	Everything's fine
Tiki tour	Scenic tour, the roundabout way
Jandals / thongs	Flip-flops
Tramping	Hiking
Jersey	Sweater
Tomato sauce	Ketchup
Lift	Elevator
Wellies	Gumboots
Lolly	Candy
Wop-wops	Out of the way location
Loo	Toilet
Yonks	Forever
Sammie	Sandwich



Maori Language

Many Maori words have been absorbed into day-to-day use, and are commonly used in conversation.

Aotearoa	New Zealand: "Land of the Long White Cloud"
Tangata Whenua	Original people, people belonging to the land
Aroha	Love compassion
Tangi	Funeral, mourn
E noho ra	Goodbye (from person leaving)
Taonga	Treasured possession, anything precious
E haere ra	Goodbye (from person staying)
Tapu	Sacred, not to be touched
Haere mai!	Welcome!
Tena koe	Formal greeting to one person
Haka	War dance, challenge
Tena koutou	Formal greeting to many people
Hapu	Clan, sub-tribe
Tena tatou katoa	Formal inclusive greeting to everyone
Hui	Gathering, meeting
Turangawaewae	A place to stand, home
Iwi	People, tribe



Wahine	Woman
Kaumatua	Elders
Waiata	Song
Kia Ora!	Hi!
Waka	Canoe
Mana	Authority, power
Whakapapa	Genealogy
Marae	Meeting house complex
Whanau	Extended family
Pakeha	Non-Maori, European
Whare nui	Meeting house
Pounamu	Greenstone, Jade
Whare Whakairo	Carved meeting house
Tamariki	Children
Whenua	Land, homeland, country
Tane	Man



Maori Pronunciation

The Maori language contains five vowels: a e i o u

'a' as in 'far'

'e' as in 'egg'

'i' like the 'ee' in 'fee'

'o' sounds like "or"

'u' like an 'o' in 'to'

The consonant 'wh' sounds similar to the english 'f'.

The 'ng' sound is similar to the 'ng' sound in a word like 'sing'.