

Word lists – Social Communication

Kiwi-isms

Words	Words in context
1. Flash (expensive)	1. That's a flash camera!
2. Sweet as (that's fine)	2. Sweet as, I'll help you.
3. No worries (that's ok)	3. No worries, I'll call again later.
4. Awesome (that's great)	4. We had an awesome weekend in Taupo.
5. Stink (that's a pity)	5. Aren't you coming to the party with us? Stink!
6. Hacked off (annoyed)	6. I'm really hacked off with this rainy weather!
7. Knackered (tired)	7. I've been busy all week – I'm knackered!
8. Wicked (that's great)	8. The party was wicked!

NZ Idioms

Phrases
1. Give him a fair go (be fair)
2. Get off the grass! (you're joking)
3. Good on you mate! (that's great)
4. Once in a blue moon (rare event)
5. Half pie (describing an incomplete task)
6. Pack a sad (in a bad mood)
7. Go on a tiki tour (taking a scenic route to a destination)
8. Don't know them from a bar of soap! (referring to a person unknown to them)

Classroom language

Words	Words in context
1. How do you say that?	1. What page are we up to?
2. How do you spell that?	2. What time is the break?
3. Can you speak louder please?	3. Sorry I left my book at home.
4. Can you slow down please?	4. Can I borrow a pen please?
5. Sorry, can you say that again?	5. Can I listen to that again please?
6. Can you help me please?	6. Can you repeat that please?
7. What does this word mean?	7. What are we doing tomorrow?
8. Sorry, I don't understand.	8. Is there any homework today?

Questions & answers

Q&A
1. Hi, how are you? Fine, thanks.
2. How have you been? Not bad, pretty busy.
3. What are you up to? Just off to the gym.
4. What have you been up to? Not much, studying mostly.
5. Where are you going? Into town. Do you want to come?
6. Can I talk to you for a minute? Sure, can you hang on a sec?
7. Have you had a good day? Great, thanks.
8. What are you doing this weekend? We're going to the beach.

Maori words in common usage

Words
1. Marae (A sacred Maori communal facility, which includes a meeting house)
2. Kia Ora (hello/thank you/agreement)
3. Mana (prestige/status)
4. Tena koe? (hello, how are you?)
5. Ka pai (that's good)
6. Waka (canoe)
7. Hangi (food cooked in a pit with hot stones)
8. Kai (food)
9. Tangata whenua (people of the land)
10. Hongi (Maori greeting with noses touching)
11. Whanau (extended family)
12. Tapu (sacred)
13. Reo (language)
14. Waiata (song)
15. Wai (water)
16. Haka (Maori war dance or challenge)
17. Pukapuka (book)
18. Korero (talk)
19. Kaumatua (elders)
20. Wahine (woman)
21. Tane (man)
22. Kotiro (girl)
23. Tama (boy)
24. Tamariki (children)