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New Zealand has three official languages: English, New Zealand Sign Language and Maori. Here are a few simple Maori words/phrases. The pronunciation is phonetic with the exception of “wh” which is pronounced as an “f” sound.

Welcome! Enter! = Haere mai! / Hello/hi/be well = Kia ora

Goodbye (from a person leaving) = E noho rā /Goodbye (from person staying) = Haere rā

Goodbye (less formal) = Hei konā rā

Good Morning = Mōrena / Goodnight = Pō marie

Please = Tena / Thank you = tena coe

Yes = ae / No = kao

Family = Whānau

One = tahi

Two = rua

Three = toru

Four = whā

Five = rima

Six = ono

Seven = whitu

Eight = waru

Nine = iwa

Ten = tekau