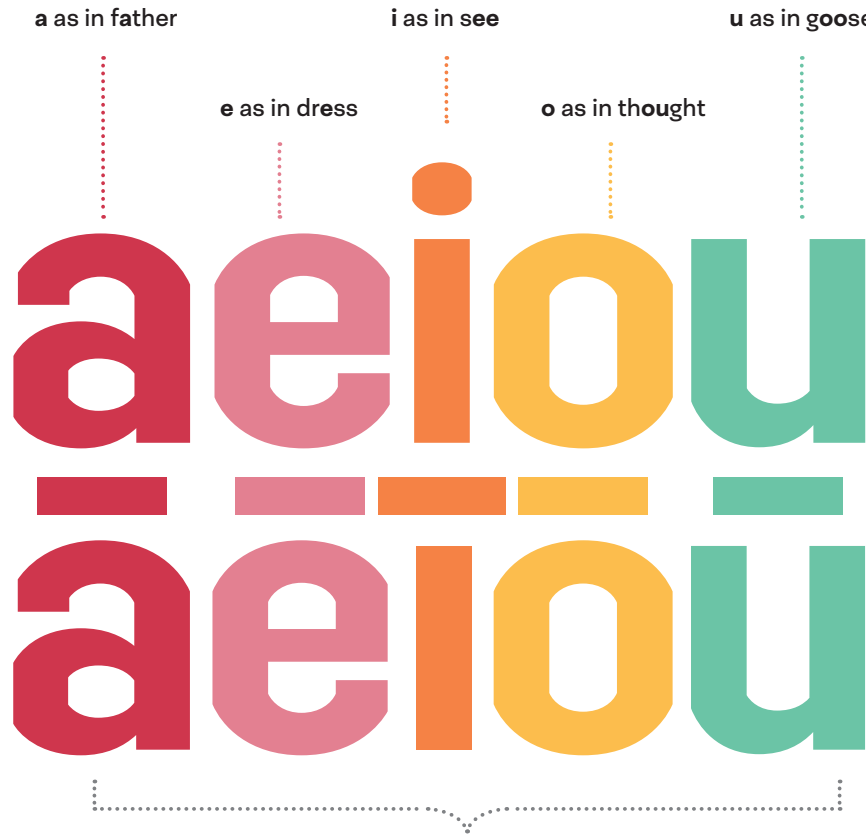


Whakahuatanga | Pronunciation

Oropuare | Vowels

There are five vowel sounds in Māori. They can be pronounced 'short' or 'long'. The long vowel is marked with a macron.



When the vowel is long, with a macron above it, say the vowel for twice as long.

Ororua | Two Vowels and Diphthongs

When two different vowels are together they either retain their basic sounds and are pronounced one after the other or they 'glide' from one vowel to the other vowel to make a different sound we call a diphthong.

Examples of common diphthongs are *ai, ae, au, ou, oe, ao*.



Orokati | Consonants

There are 10 consonants, they are:



The r sound is created when the tip of the tongue briefly touches the top of the mouth behind the teeth.



AKE AKE AKE
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KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI



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I TE REO MĀORI
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