

TAURANGA MOANA WORDFIND and CROSSWORD
TEACHER NOTES



Use these activities to teach your students about the māori names of these places, the meaning behind some of these names, and to practice the correct pronunciation. Use the links to learn more about these places in Tauranga Moana with your class



Tauranga Moana Wordfind

HOPUKIORE: also known as Mt Drury, near the main beach of Mount Maunganui
<https://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/268285-the-lesser-known-mount-icon.html>

MATAKANA: Matakana Island is a long, flat barrier island off the coast of Tauranga. The island has been continuously populated for centuries by Māori iwi, mostly associated with Ngāi te Rangi.

<https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/community/about-the-western-bay/our-places/matakana-island>

MATUA: a suburb of Tauranga, also means parents (Mātua) or father/uncle/parent in te reo Māori

MAUAO: sacred maunga (mountain) at the entrance to Te Awanui (the Tauranga harbour).

<https://view.taurangaheritagecollection.co.nz/objects?query=mauao>

MAUNGATAPU: a suburb of Tauranga and an important pā site
<http://taurangahistorical.blogspot.com/2021/12/maungatapu.html>

MOTURIKI: also known as Leisure Island, off the Mount Maunganui beach
<https://exploretauranga.co.nz/leisure-island/>

OMANU: a beachside suburb of Mount Maunganui, manu meaning bird

ŌTANEWAINUKU: a mountain and forest in the Bay of Plenty, well known from the pūrākau of Mauao <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/bay-of-plenty/places/otanewainuku-forest/?tab-id=50578>

ŌTŪMOETAI: a suburb of Tauranga and significant pā site
<https://debbiemccauleyauthor.wordpress.com/heritage/built-heritage/otumoetai-pa-taurangas-historic-capital/>

PĀPĀMOA: a beach side suburb of Tauranga
<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/papamoa>

PUKEHINAHINA: the original name for the area also known as Gate Pā
<http://www.battleofgatepa.com/quick-history>

RANGATAUA: a tidal estuary near Maungatapu
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/bay-of-plenty/300429297/high-court-grants-customary-marine-title-over-tauranga-estuary-to-five-iwi-and-hap>

TE AWANUI: the name of the Tauranga harbour
<https://paekoroki.tauranga.govt.nz/nodes/view/6543>

TE PAPA: the original name for the land from the CBD to Greerton
<https://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/215132-future-growth-of-te-papa-peninsula.html>

WAIKORIRE: also known as Pilot Bay in Mount Maunganui
<https://paekoroki.tauranga.govt.nz/nodes/view/6559>

Tauranga Moana Crossword

HINEKITE- māori name for the Mount main beach (also Hinekite Takutai)

WAIKAREAO - the estuary below the CBD, near Otūmoetai, also connected to the purakau of Taurikura

<https://www.ranginui.co.nz/taurikura.html>

WAIMAPU- the stream and estuary connected to the pūrākau of Mauao, close to Hairini and Maungatapu

<https://paekoroki.tauranga.govt.nz/nodes/view/6586>

KOPURERERUA - the stream running into the Waikareao estuary, also connected to the pūrākau of Taurikura

<https://exploretauranga.co.nz/kopurererua-valley-reserve/>

RANGIWAEA - the motu (island) in front of Matakana island in Te Awanui (the Tauranga harbour)

<https://maorimaps.com/marae/rangiwaea>

OKAHUKURA - original name for the area now known as 'The Strand' in the CBD

TE RANGA -battle site after Te Pakanga of Pukehinahina (Battle of Pukehinahina Gate Pā)

<https://www.ranginui.co.nz/battle-of-te-ranga.html>

KAREWA -Te Motu o Karewa - island off the coast of Tauranga,- a predator free wildlife sanctuary. Connected to the pūrākau of Taurikura

<https://www.ranginui.co.nz/taurikura.html>

OTAMATAHA - original name of the pā site where the Mission Cemetery now sits

<https://paekoroki.tauranga.govt.nz/nodes/view/6599>

TAKITIMU - voyaging waka of Ngāti Ranginui

<https://www.ranginui.co.nz/t257kitimu-te-waka.html>

MĀTAATUA - voyaging waka of Ngāi te Rangi

[https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/bay-chronicle/4993933/
Resting-place-recognised](https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/bay-chronicle/4993933/Resting-place-recognised)

TE MOANA-NUI-A-KIWA - Māori name for the **Pacific Ocean** ('The Great Ocean of Kiwa')

TŪHUA- also known as Mayor Island, Tūhua is the kupu māori for 'obsidian' - a hard, dark, glass-like volcanic rock used for cutting

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/bay-of-plenty/places/tuhua-mayor-island/?tab-id=50578>