

E whakawhiti ana i te huanui

Crossing the Road

Here are some words and phrases to use when teaching your child to cross the road.

Always praise your children's efforts and achievements. They will feel good about what they are doing and want to do it again.



He Rāraki Kupu (Vocab List)

Taumata 1 (Level 1)		Taumata 2 (Level 2)		Taumata 3 (Level 3)	
1. wait	taihoa	1. stay alert	kia mataara	1. go slowly	kia āta haere
2. look	titiro (tirohia)	2. sound, noise, rumble	oro	2. walk	hīkoi
3. listen	whakaroko	3. look after	tiaki(na)	3. to cross	whakawhiti
4. left	taha mauī	4. hold	pupuri (puritia)	4. driver	kaiuruki waka
5. right	taha matau	5. dangerous	mōrearea	5. pedestrian crossing	whakawhitika huanui
6. again	anō	6. vehicle	waka	6. traffic lights	rama ārahi
7. straight ahead	tōtika	7. be quick	kia kūrapa	7. over take	poki (pōkia)
8. see	kite(a)	8. press	pana(ia)	8. dilly dally	takaroa
9. eyes	karu	9. button	pātene	9. to be left behind	mahue
10. hand	rika	10. puddle	tōhihi	10. foot path	huanui

He Rereka Kōrero (Example Sentences)

1. Panaia te pātene.	1. Press the button.
2. Taihoa. Tirohia te taha mauī, tirohia te taha matau.	2. Wait. Look to the left, look to the right.
3. He waka e haere mai ana?	3. Are there any cars coming?
4. Hoake tātou! Kia mataara.	4. Let's go! Stay alert.
5. Kauraka e oma! Hīkoi kē!	5. Don't run! Walk instead!
6. Kauraka e takaroa, koi mahue koe ki muri!	6. Don't dilly dally, lest you be left behind!
7. Kia kūrapa mai, kia kūrehu mai!	7. Hurry up!
8. Puritia taku rika kai whakawhiti ana i te huanui.	8. Hold my hand while we cross the road.

Kīwaha / Kīrehu (Colloquialisms / Idioms)

1. Kia kūrāpa mai, kia kūrēhu mai!	1. Hurry up!
2. Kia hiwa rā.	2. Be watchful.
3. Kia mataara.	3. Stay alert.
4. Kia tūpato!	4. Be careful!
5. Kātahi nā te tamaiti mōhio, ko koe!	5. What a clever child you are!

Whakataukī (Proverbs)

1. Noho ana rae poto, tū ana rae roa “Be hasty, speed up”
2. Au kaha, kia kaha! “Unite, bind together.” – A good phrase to encourage people to unite/work together.
3. He taoka nui te tūpato. “Caution is highly prized” – In traditional Maori society, recklessness was discouraged.
4. Tā te tamaiti tana mahi wāwāhi tahā. “Children will make mistakes.” – Children are curious and often make mistakes in these busy situations. This whakataukī reminds us that it is not the child’s fault and mistakes are a part of development.
5. He tou tīrairaka koe “The tail of a fantail” – This bird’s fan-like tail enables it to follow the erratic flight of an insect. It is therefore a fitting metaphor for a restless person.

Kīnaki (A Little Something Extra)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● He waka kai te haere mai.● He waka e haere mai ana.● Kai te haere mai tētehi waka.	These three sentences may look different, but they all say the same thing ‘A car is coming.’
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PRACTICE – WHAKAHARATAU

Have a look back over the sentences above for example, and think of different ways you might say them. Remember, repetition is the key to learning a language, so learn these sentences well and practice them until they roll off your tongue.

Karawhiua mai!