

Kia Ora koutou

There are fifteen sounds in Te Reo:

§ five vowels: a - e - i - o - u  
§ eight consonants: h - k - m - n - p - r - t - w  
§ and two digraphs: wh - ng

A macron above a vowel indicates that you should lengthen the vowel sound. Double letters are sometimes used to instead of a macron e.g. wāhi (place, area), waahi.

For every sound there is an English equivalent. For example:

<b>Vowel</b>		<b>Short</b>		<b>Long</b>
a	as in	about		far
e	as in	enter		bed
i	as in	eat		sheep
o	as in	or		awful
u	as in	put		boot

Digraphs are pronounced as follows:

`ng' as in `singer'  
`wh' as in `far

If you have difficulty pronouncing a word you could practice by writing it the way it sounds:

Waikato                    Y ` kah ` tor  
Taupo                     Toe ` pore  
Whakatane                Fah ` kah' tah ` neh

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Noho ora mai

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