

**Kia ora**

**Here are some simple ways to grow our use of Māori phrases in everyday conversation.**

**Often teachers already know instructional verbs in te reo Māori. Try using these instructional words in sentences.**

**Titiro = Look Haere = move Oma = run**

**Whakarongo = Listen Haere mai = come here Hīkoi = Walk**

**Kōrero = Speak Haere atu = go away Tākaro = play**

**Whāwhā = Touch Mahi = work Noho = sit**

**Tuhituhi = Write Pānui = read Tu = stand**

(Search ‘verbs’ at kupu.maori.nz for more)



**Āta \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Āta** stands before verbs to indicate care and thoroughness in carrying out the activity.

**Āta titiro = observe carefully**

**Āta haere = move gently**

**Āta pānui = read thoroughly**

By using **āta** before a verb in a sentence, you are asking that the action be done in a careful, thorough, gentle, clear, cautious, deliberate manner.





You can use the following sentence structure to praise students for their actions:

**Word of praise + tō** *(your)* **+ action**

**Tino pai** + **tō** +  **mahi**

**Tino pai tō mahi = Your work is very good**

**Ka pai tō pānui = Good reading**

**Tau kē tō whakarongo = Awesome listening**

**Tino pai rawa tō tuhituhi = Excellent writing**



If you wish to encourage students not to do something you can precede the instructional verbs with this phrase:

**Kaua e \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Kaua e oma = Do not run**

**Kaua e takahia = Don’t trample / don’t be disrespectful**

**Kaua e noho *ki runga i te tēpu* = Don’t sit *on the table***



You can follow any instruction with this word to turn an instruction into a polite request:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ koa**

The word **koa** means pleasant, happy, please. It is a way of showing manners and speaking politely to others.

**Haere mai koa = Please come to me**

**Whakarongo mai koa = Please listen to me**

