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PRONUNCIATION

1. **Te Reo Māori has five vowels which are: a, e, i, o, u**
2. **Short-sounding vowels are pronounced in the following way:**
 - a** as in art or carp
 - e** as in get or egg
 - i** as in street or beat
 - o** as in short or taut
 - u** as in cute or suit
3. **Long-sounding vowels are indicated by macrons and are pronounced in the following way:**
 - ā** as in father
 - ē** as in bear
 - ī** as in see
 - ō** as in poor
 - ū** as in mutual
4. **Te Reo Māori also has double vowels which require each vowel to be sounded independently:**

aa	ae	ai	ao	au
ea	ee	ei	eo	eu
ia	ie	ii	io	iu
oa	oe	oi	oo	ou
ua	ue	ui	uo	uu
5. **Te Reo Māori has ten consonants which are pronounced like English ones, though usually softer which are: h, k, m, n, ng, p, r, t, w, wh**

Note there is no “s” in the Māori language!!!

6. Practice for consonant and vowel constructions:

ha	he	hi	ho	hu
ka	ke	ki	ko	ku
ma	me	mi	mo	mu
na	ne	ni	no	nu
nga	nge	ngi	ngo	ngu
pa	pe	pi	po	pu
ra	re	ri	ro	ru
ta	te	ti	to	tu
wa	we	wi	wo	wu
wha	whe	whi	who	whu

7. Further pronunciation practice:

E mihi ana ki te rangi. E mihi ana ki te whenua.

Greetings to the heavens above. Greetings to the earth below.

E mi hi a na ki te ra ngi. E mi hi a na ki te whe nu a.

E mihi ana ki a koutou i roto i ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā.

Greetings to you all in the many circumstances of the time.

Kua tae nei maua ki te whakarongo, ki te kōrero atu...

We have come to listen and to talk to...

Ki te kaupapa e karanga nei ki a tātou i tenei rā.

The subject/issues which brings us together today.

Nō reira tātou e huihui nei, kia ora tātou katoa.

Therefore, good health to all of us here gathered.