



irakati

Ka tohu i te mutunga
o te rerenga kōrero.

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●

full stop

The end of
a sentence.

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ā

tohutō

Ka tohu i ngā
oropuare roa.

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ā

macron

Lengthens the
sound of a vowel.

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“ ”

tohukī

Ka tohu i tā
tētahi i kī ai.

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“ ”

speech marks

Marks speech,
quotations,
phrases,
or words.

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!

tohuoho

Ka tohu i te ihi
me te wehi
o te kōrero.

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exclamation mark

Signifies strong
feelings
or volume.

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piko

Ka tohu i te whakatā,
i te hononga rānei
o ētahi whakaaro.

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comma

Marks a pause,
or the joining
of two ideas in
a sentence.

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?

tohu pātai

Ka tohu
i te pātai.

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?

question mark

Signifies
a question.

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P

pūmatua

Ka tohu i te tīmatanga
o te rerenga,
i te ingoa rānei.

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P

capital letter

Used at the beginning
of a new sentence,
or for a name.

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tohu hono

Ka tohu i te hononga
o ngā wāhanga
o tētahi kupu.

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hyphen

Connects the parts of
a compound word.

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kōpirua

Ka tohu i te rārangi mai
o ētahi mea, o ētahi
whakaaro rānei.

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colon

Signifies a list of items or a longer explanation.

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kopipiko

Ka tohu i te hononga
o ngā whakaaro
e rua i tētahi
rerenga kotahi.

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semicolon

Shows the joining
of two ideas
in one sentence.

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kupu mahue

Ka tohu i te
mahuetanga
o ētahi kupu.

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ellipsis

Shows that words
are missing.

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()

taiapa

Ka tohu i tētahi
kōrero āpiti.

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brackets

Signifies extra
information
or added
explanation.

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Tohu Kārawarawa	Punctuation	Example - Reo Māori	Example - Reo Pākehā
• irakati	• full stop	Ka tohu i te mutunga o te rerenga kōrero.	<i>The end of a sentence.</i>
ā tohutō	ā macron	Ka tohu i ngā oropuare roa.	<i>Lengthens the sound of a vowel.</i>
“ ” tohukī	“ ” speech marks	Ka tohu i tā tētahi i kī ai.	<i>Marks speech, quotations, phrases, or words.</i>
! tohuoho	! exclamation mark	Ka tohu i te ihi me te wehi o te kōrero.	<i>Signifies strong feelings or volume.</i>
, piko	, comma	Ka tohu i te whakatā, i te hononga rānei o ētahi whakaaro.	<i>Marks a pause, or the joining of two ideas in a sentence.</i>
? tohu pātai	? question mark	Ka tohu i te pātai.	<i>Signifies a question.</i>
P pūmatua	P capital letter	Ka tohu i te tīmatanga o te rerenga, i te ingoa rānei.	<i>Used at the beginning of a new sentence, or for a name.</i>
- tohuhono	- hyphen	Ka tohu i te hononga o ngā wāhanga o tētahi kupu.	<i>Connects the parts of a compound word.</i>
: kopirua	: colon	Ka tohu i te rārangi mai o ētahi mea, o ētahi whakaaro rānei.	<i>Signifies a list of items, or a longer explanation.</i>
; kopipiko	; semicolon	Ka tohu i te hononga o ngā whakaaro e rua i tētahi rerenga kotahi.	<i>Shows the joining of two ideas in one sentence.</i>
... kupu mahue	... ellipsis	Ka tohu i te mahuetanga o ētahi kupu.	<i>Shows that words are missing.</i>
() taiapa	() brackets	Ka tohu i tētahi kōrero āpiti.	<i>Signifies extra information or added explanation.</i>