

Kōrero Māori ai au by Sharon Holt



About the Author

Sharon Holt has always loved writing and reading. As a child growing up in Auckland, she decided to become a children's author after winning several prizes in writing competitions. However, her writing dream wasn't fulfilled until she turned 40.

"When I left school I was too young to dive straight into a writing career, so I tried teaching, then journalism," she says. Life intervened and the dream of writing for children was forgotten until one night when Sharon was reading a pile of bedtime stories to her two young children.

"I suddenly remembered that I was meant to be a children's author!"

The next morning, she started writing stories and sending them to the School Journal editors at Learning Media. Her first three stories were accepted, which gave Sharon the kick start she needed.

Since then, Sharon has had her work published by educational publishers in New Zealand and Australia. She has also been successful with several trade publishers and was a finalist in the NZ Post Children's Book Awards in 2007.

Sharon is best known for her self-published series of award-winning Te Reo Singalong books, which are now published by EduMaxi Ltd.

About Kōrero Māori ai au

Kōrero Māori ai au is the 16th book in the award-winning Te Reo Singalong series. Each double page spread features a new place where te reo Māori can be spoken, as well as some vocabulary words to help speakers in that setting. The settings covered in the book include the playground, the beach, in the car, in the bush, on the marae, at the shops and at home.

Each page follows the repetitive sentence structure which translates as:

"Do you speak Māori?"

"Yes, I speak Māori at"

The book includes a singalong CD which puts the words in the book to music, to help children, teachers and parents to learn and remember the sentences, phrases and words.

Activities

Find the answers at the exhibition or from the website.

Language:

1. How many books in this exhibition feature words in te reo Māori?
2. Which items in this room can you name in te reo?
3. Choose a room from your family home and use the sentence structure in this book to list four items in the room. For example: He moenga, he turu, he ārai, he whāriki hoki i te ruma. (There is a bed, a chair, curtains and a mat in the room.)

Reading:

1. Where did Sharon Holt live as a child?
2. What year was Sharon a finalist in the NZ Post Children's Book Awards?
3. What is the name of the illustrator of *Kōrero Māori ai au*?

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Health:

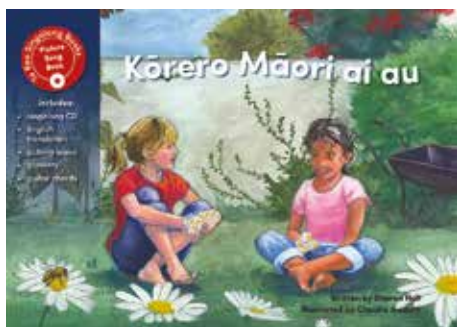
1. Find out the Māori words for three of your favourite fruit and three of your favourite vegetables.
2. Make up some actions for the Māori sentence you wrote in question 3 of the language section above. Get into pairs and teach the words and actions to your partner.
3. This book includes a page about speaking Māori at the beach. List three of the health benefits of spending time at the beach.

Social Studies:

1. Do you think te reo Māori should be a compulsory subject at your school? Explain your reasons for your decision.
2. Make a graph of all the languages spoken by children in your classroom, listing the languages and the number of children in the class who speak those languages.
3. Learn how to say "hat" in three of the languages represented in your classroom.

Visual arts:

1. Use magazine pictures to create a collage to illustrate the room in your home that you chose for the sentence in question 3 of the language section above. Write your Māori sentence below the picture.
2. Find a Māori word, phrase or sentence on display in your classroom and write it in the middle of a blank piece of paper. Use coloured pencils or felt pens to illustrate the page around the word, phrase or sentence you have chosen.
3. This book features the phrase "mahere whenua" for map. Create a street map showing the way from your school to three significant places in your area. For example, your map could show the way from your school to the library, the supermarket and your best friend's house.



Kōrero Māori ai au is the 16th book in the Te Reo Singalong Collection.

The next two books in the series will be published in November.

Find out more at:
www.tereosingalong.co.nz