



Me he pungāwerewere

'As delicate as the work of the spider'

He kupu whakamiha e whakanui ana i te hanga harakore o te mahi a te tangata.

Said of a person whose work is intricate, delicate and flawless.

'Nanea ana a Tia' A *satiated appetite*

Ko te kupu 'nanea' e tohu ana i te mākona o te tangata i te nui o te kai. Ko te kupu 'tia' tētahi kupu anō mō te puku. Nā te mea kua whakatangatahia te puku arā, te tia, ka whai orokai matua, pēnei i te tūpou ingoa.

The word 'nanea' is an indication that a person has eaten their fill. The word 'tia' is also the 'puku' or stomach. The stomach in this instance has been personified which dictates that it should hold a uppercase consonant like a personal pronoun.



He whakarongo pīkari

To listen with intent

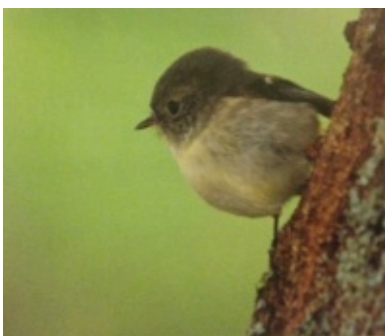
He kupu anō te 'pīkari' mō te pīpī manu e noho tonu ana ki te kōhanga. Ki te whakarongo pīkari te tangata, e āta whakarongo ana ia. Hei tauira: E toru noa iho ngā waiatatanga, nō reira me whakarongo pīkari, kia mau ai te rangi. *The*

word 'pīkari' is another word for a young bird who has not yet left the nest. If a person listens as the baby bird does, s/he is listening intently. For example: The song will only be sung three times so you'd better listen carefully to catch the tune.



He kanohi hōmiromiro

Seeing the near impossible to see



He kātū manu te Miromiro (Hōmiromiro). Ko tōna tino rongonui i te ao Māori ko tōna pai ki te kite i ngā hanga moroiti, kāore pea e kitea e tangata noa iho nei. Hei tauira: Me kanohi hōmiromiro te tangata e wehewehe ana i ngā purapura kino i ngā purapura pai. *Miromiro is the NZ tit bird. Well known amongst Māori for its ability to see the smallest of things that humans may not. For example: A person sorting the good*

seeds from the bad needs to have acute eyesight.



Ringa whawhati kō

The hand that breaks the spade

E whakanuitia ana te kaha o te tangata ki te mahi ki te māra ka whati i a ia te kō. He kupu whakarite e whakanui ana i te pukumahi, i te tāiki ngāpara o tētahi tangata.

Acknowledging a person who works so hard in their garden that their spade breaks. Can be used to describe the hard working; and the consistent work of a person.



He huia kaimanawa

Anything much prized, an important person

He kupu whakamiha, he kupu whakanui kua horapa, ā, ka rangona whānuitia i ngā kupu whakanui i tētahi tangata kua mate heoi anō, e pai ana kia whakamahia mō te hunga ora hoki.

A figurative expression that's use is quite widespread and heard often as a term of endearment for a lost one but it can also be used to celebrate and honor a living person or persons.

He whītiki o te kī A great orator

He kupu whakarite tēnei e whakanui ana i te tino taea o tētahi kaikōrero ki te whiriwhiri, ki te matapaki kōrero, ki te raranga hoki i ōna whakaaro kia kounga, kia matatau hoki te tuku.

A simile that acknowledges an orators skill in presenting and discussing as well as their ability to weave together their thoughts in the most skillful and learned way.



Petapeta ana te puta mai

To arrive all at once

Me he kāhui manu ka tau ki te whenua.
Like a flock on birds descending on the land

Putuputu ana te haere atu
To leave separately

Me he kotuku e rere takitahi ana.
Like the solitary heron who flies
alone.

