

Te Huataki - Cloze Activity

Fill the gaps with the correct words so the sentences make sense.

Te Huataki was a Ngāi Tahu chief who lived in _____ in Te Whanganui-a-Tara. His wives were Rākaitekura and Māhakinui. They were the daughters of the noted chief and tohunga, _____.

One day while out fishing there was a sudden change in the _____ and Te Huataki's waka was blown out into Raukawakawa Moana. The _____ was too strong to paddle against and return home so they continued on to Te Waipounamu.

When they arrived, they were greeted by the people of _____. They gave him a _____ and a place to stay. So, Te Huataki decided to stay and live there. However, fate intervened again and while out _____ a sudden change in the wind blew them back across _____ Moana to Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Te Huataki landed back at Whātaimai at _____. He waited until it was _____ and crept towards Tiotio's whare.

As the group entered Tiotio's whare, his wife started to _____ to welcome the unexpected guests. Tiotio stopped her as he didn't want to alert others in the village. They then _____ the guests and by doing so, placed the guests safely under their protection.

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Raukawakawa

fed

karanga

fishing

wind

dark

wife

Rangitāne

dusk

Whātaimai

Tiotio

weather

morning

pleased

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tikumu

Te Huataki's wives

Te Waipounamu

kererū

pressure

edgy

Ko tōku tuarā

move

Tapuwae o Uenuku

assembled

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Ngā whakautu/answers

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