1.1 Adding Whole Numbers

The First Hawaikian Who Reached Aotearoa

The first known explorer from Hawaiki¹ who reached Aotearoa², was the legendary Kupe. With his great ocean-going *waka hourua*³, he crossed *Moana-nui-a-Kiwa*⁴ and discovered the two main islands of Aotearoa, *Te Ika a Maui*⁵ and *Te Wai Pounaumu*⁶.

To find out the name of Kupe's *waka hourua*, use the appropriate number strategy and work out the problems below. The letter beside each question and its answer will give the puzzle code.



¹Hawaiki - the ancient homeland of Māori; ²Aotearoa – New Zealand; ³*Waka hourua* - double-hulled canoe; ⁴*Moana-nui-a-Kiwa* – the Pacific Ocean; ⁵*Te Ika a Maui* – the North Island; ⁶*Te Wai Pounaumu* - the South Island;

1.2 Subtracting Whole Numbers

The First Māori Woman Who Spotted Aotearoa

The first known explorer from Hawaiki¹ who reached Aotearoa², was the legendary Kupe. He took his *whānau³* with him on his voyage. After Kupe and his *whānau* sailed for many days, they were desperate to see any sign of land. Some people say that Kupe's *wahine⁴* was the first to see land.

To find out the name of Kupe's *wahine* who first spotted Aotearoa, work out the problems below. The letter beside each question and its answer will give the puzzle code.



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1.3 Multiplying Whole Numbers

Aotea's First Tiheru (Bailing Scoop)

The first known explorer from Hawaiki¹ who reached Aotearoa², was the legendary Kupe. While Kupe was away from Hawaiki, a quarrel arose between Kupe's brother-in-law Turi and *a* rangatira³. Turi left Hawaiki and sailed to Aotearoa to avoid conflict with the rangatira he had argued with. His waka⁴ Aotea had two great hiwa⁵ and two t*ī*heru⁶. To discover the name of the first t*ī*heru, calculate the expressions below. The letter beside each question and its answer will give the puzzle code.



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¹Hawaiki - the ancient homeland of Māori; ²Aotearoa – New Zealand; ³*Rangatira* – chief; ⁴*Waka* – canoe; ⁵*Hiwa* - steering paddle; ⁶*Tīheru* - bailing scoop;

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1.4 Dividing Whole Numbers

Prayers for Avoiding Aituā (Bad Luck)

The first known explorer from Hawaiki¹ who reached Aotearoa², was the legendary Kupe. While Kupe was away from Hawaiki, a quarrel arose between Kupe's brother-in-law Turi and *a rangatira*³. Turi left Hawaiki and sailed to Aotearoa to avoid conflict with the *rangatira* he had argued with. After sailing for many days in very bad weather, Turi and his crew discovered that their *waka*⁴ named Aotea was badly damaged. Finally, they landed safely on a small island and repaired the damaged *waka*. Then Turi removed all *aituā*⁵ from the *waka* by saying *karakia*⁶ over the damaged Aotea. What *karakia* did Turi say to avoid *aituā*?

To find out the answer, divide the numbers below. The letter beside each question and its answer will give the puzzle code.



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1.5 Rounding and Estimation

The Name of the Te Arawa's Navigator

Some accounts say that Te Arawa was the largest $waka^1$ that came to Aotearoa² from Hawaiki³. It was a *waka hourua*⁴ with a *whare*⁵ built on it.

To find out what was the name of Te Arawa's navigator, round each number in each example to one significant figure and then estimate the result. The letter beside each question and its answer will give the puzzle code.



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¹*Waka* – canoe; ²Hawaiki - the ancient homeland of Māori; ³Aotearoa – New Zealand; ⁴W*aka hourua* (double-hulled canoe); ⁵*Whare* (house);