1. Adding and Subtracting Terms

Survivors of the Long Journey

The first known explorer from *Hawaiki*,¹ who reached *Aotearoa*,² was the legendary Kupe. However, he only stayed a short time in Aotearoa before sailing back to *Hawaiki* to tell his people that he had discovered *whenua*³ that was so large, it had enough room for everyone. Many *waka*⁴ then left *Hawaiki* with *whānau*⁵ wanting to settle in Aotearoa. They brought with them, little Polynesian rats, pigs, dogs and fowl, as food supplies. Some of these animals survived the long journey, but some did not. Which of the animals survived the journey? **To find the answer to this question, simplify the expressions below by collecting like terms.** The answer to the problem and the letter next to it, will give the puzzle code.



<i>4x</i> + <i>8</i>	<i>5x</i> + <i>3</i>	<i>5xy</i> + <i>2</i>	<i>4x</i> +7	10n	4a	6x-10	$7x^2-5x$	5x	10n	
2 <i>x</i> -3 <i>xy</i>	5x	<i>7ab+3a</i>	6m-2	5x	10n	$9x^2 + 8$	$9x^2 + 8$	<i>5x</i> + <i>3</i>	-3a-b	6x-10
¹ Hawaiki -	 ancient ho 	meland of I	Māori; ² Aot	tearoa – N	ew Zealand	d; ³ whenua -	– land; ⁴ wak	a – canoe	; ⁵whānau –	- extended
family										

2. Multiplying and Dividing Terms with Indices

The Largest Flightless Bird

The first known explorer from *Hawaiki*,¹ who reached *Aotearoa*,² was the legendary Kupe. His friend, Ngahue, accompanied him and his crew in their journey to and from Aotearoa. Some accounts say that Ngahue discovered a large flightless bird and called it a moa. He killed one of these moas and put it in a *calabash*⁴ to carry it back to Hawaiki. Why did they call this large flightless bird a moa? **To find the answer to this question, simplify the expressions below**. The answer to the problem and the letter next to it, will give the puzzle code.



x	x^2	$15x^6y^5$	8x ¹⁰	xy^2	$7x^3$	$9x^{20}$	<i>x</i> ⁵	$9x^{20}$	x^3y	<i>x</i> ⁷	$15x^6y^5$	8x ¹⁰	$3x^3$	8x ¹⁰	x^3y	<i>x</i> ⁶

<i>x</i> ⁷	x^2	$5x^6y$	$7x^4$		$12x^3y^8$	x^2	$5x^6y$		$12x^3y^8$	x^2	<i>x</i> ⁷	$9x^4y$	
¹ Hawaik	<i>i –</i> ancier	nt home	and of N	/lāori; ⁻	² Aotearoa	– New Z	ealand;	³ wher	<i>nua –</i> land	; ⁴calaba	ish - a co	ntainer	
made fro	made from the dried bark of a tree												

3. Powers of Powers

Unlucky Animals

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$16x^{16}y^4z^{12}$	$8x^{15}$	$4x^{10}$	$25x^6y^{12}$	$20x^6$	$64x^{15}y^3$	<i>x</i> ¹²	$9x^2y^6$	$20x^6$	$16x^4y^6$	$8x^8$	$x^{20}y^{10}$	$27x^6y^9z^3$
¹ Hawaiki – ar	ncient h	omelan	d of Māori;	² Aotear	oa – New Ze	ealand	; ³ whenu	a – land	; ⁴ waka – c	anoe;	⁵whānau	 extended
family												

4. Simplifying Expressions with Roots

The New Food Staple

The first known explorer from *Hawaiki*,¹ who reached *Aotearoa*,² was the legendary Kupe. However, he only stayed a short time in Aotearoa before sailing back to *Hawaiki* to tell his people that he had discovered *whenua*³ that was so large, it had enough room for everyone. Many *waka*⁴ then left *Hawaiki* with *whānau*⁵ wanting to settle in Aotearoa, with their staples of sweet potato and taro surviving the long journey. In their new home, they discovered a new source of food, which was not very nutritious but widely available throughout the year. **To find out the name of the new food, simplify the expressions with roots below**. The answer to the problem and the letter next to it, will give the puzzle code.



$7x^2y$	$8x^2y^4z$	$5x^{60}$	$2x^5$	$6x^4y^5$	$11x^{13}y^{15}z^{22}$	$5x^3$	$x^{7}y^{11}$	$3x^{10}y^3$	$10x^9$		$x^{40}y^{25}$	<i>9x</i>	x^{6}	$12x^4y^7$
¹ Hawa	<i>aiki –</i> anci	ient hon	neland o	of Māori;	² Aotearoa – N	lew Zea	land; ³ w	henua –	land; ⁴и	vaka -	- canoe;	⁵ whānd	<i>u –</i> ext	tended
family	/													

5. Order of Operations

The Plant from Hawaiki

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4	<i>3x</i>	<i>x</i> +2	x^2	5		2x	6	$2x^2$	1	2	5x	$2x^2 + 1$	5
¹ Hawaik	i – anci	ent hom	eland o	of Māori	i; ² Aote	earoa – N	lew Zeala	and; ³ wl	henua –	land; ⁴ w	<i>aka –</i> cano	e; ⁵ <i>whāna</i>	u – extended
family													

6. Simplifying Algebraic Expressions – Mixing Up

The Ancient Religion. Myth 1

The first known explorer from *Hawaiki*,¹ who reached *Aotearoa*,² was the legendary Kupe. However, he only stayed a short time in Aotearoa before sailing back to *Hawaiki* to tell his people that he had discovered *whenua*³ that was so large, it had enough room for everyone. Many *waka*⁴ then left *Hawaiki* with *whānau*⁵ wanting to settle in Aotearoa. They brought their *pantheon*⁶ of gods and ancient myths with them, which were creatively adopted or recreated according to their challenges on the new land. **To find out what one of the Māori myths is about, simplify the expressions below**. The answer to the problem and the letter next to it, will give the puzzle code.



$8x^7y^{12}$	$13x^3y^3$	$6x^4y^4$	3xy	$10x^4y^6$	5xy	$6x^4y^4$	<i>4x</i> + <i>4</i>	$12x^6y^6$	$5x^2y$	$9x^6$	$5x^2$		
$9x^6$	xy^2	3xy	<i>4x</i> + <i>4</i>	3xy	$15x^{6}y^{5}$	$5x^2$	$5x^2y$	5x	$6x^4y^4$	5xy	$5x^6$	$6x^4y^4$	
¹ Hawaiki – ancient homeland of Māori; ² Aotearoa – New Zealand; ³ whenua – land; ⁴ waka – canoe; ⁵ whānau – extended													
family; 6	family; ⁶ pantheon - all the gods of a people or religion collectively												