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USEFUL PHRASES

TERM	TAHITIAN	ENGLISH	FRENCH	ENGLISH
Greeting	Maeva e mānava	Welcome (formal)	Bienvenue	Welcome
	la ora na	Hello	Bonjour Bonsoir	Good morning Good evening
	Eaha te huru ? E aha to 'oe huru?	How are you? How are you?	Comment ça va ?	How are you?
Response to greeting	Maita'i Maita'i roa	Good Very good	Bien Très bien	Well Very well
	Maururu Maururu maita'i	Thank you Thank you very much	Merci Merci beaucoup	Thank you Thank you very much
Apology	E hape mau	What a mistake	Excusez-moi	Excuse me
Farewell	Parahi Nana	Goodbye See you/Bye	Au revoir	Goodbye
	To say goodbye to someone who is leaving Nana Te aroha atu nei ia māita'i i to'oe tere	Bye Have a good trip	Au revoir Bon voyage	Goodbye Have a good trip

Adapted from [Cultural Etiquette in the Pacific, 2020](#)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

OTHER LANGUAGES

- Tahitian
- Marquesan Dialect Group
- Pa'umotu Dialect Group
- Mangarevan
- Austral Island dialect group

VIDEOS

<https://www.spc.int/tok-pasifika>

LANGUAGE SERVICE PROVIDERS

<https://www.spc.int/tok-pasifika/registry>

A registry of language service providers for Pacific Islands' languages is available by clicking here or scanning the QR code.



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LANGUAGE FACT

The Tahitian alphabet only has 14 letters with the possibility of a 15th, the letter 'k'.
The word 'tattoo' is derived from the word tatau (to mark).

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