

## NCEA Level 1 Lea Faka-Tonga Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

Updated NCEA Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Vocabulary Lists for Pacific languages were published on the NCEA Education website in February and March 2025.

Below is the revised Level 1 Lea Faka-Tonga Vocabulary List that should be used with students in 2025 (and thereafter).

The Vocabulary List supports teaching and learning and helps teachers understand the language appropriate at Curriculum Level 6. Language drawn from this Vocabulary List is used to create external assessments and may be used to support teachers when preparing students for internal assessments.

The vocabulary lists belong to the Ministry of Education. The list in this document has been **formatted by NZALT** to make it easier for teachers to print and photocopy for students. NZALT has provided two versions:

1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students.
2. A Word document for teachers who would like to do further formatting.

This version of the vocabulary list is arranged **alphabetically (Lea Faka-Tonga to English)**.

Other configurations of this list (eg. English to Lea Faka-Tonga; by category) can be downloaded [here](#).

Alternatively, you can navigate to the revised vocabulary lists by following this pathway:

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Teachers are advised to read the Introduction to the vocabulary lists (downloadable online, as above), as these contain useful context for teaching and learning, and for internal and external assessments (including the notes below).

<b>L1</b>	<b>Lea Faka-Tonga</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>'A</b>	'a'ahi	to visit
	'a'aku	mine
	'a'au	yours
	'ahi'ahi'i	to taste
	'aho	day
	'aka	to kick
	'akapulu	rugby
	'akapulu liiki	rugby league
	'akau	trees
	'Ākosi, 'Aokosi	August
	'alu	to go (singular)
	'alu ā e	goodbye (to someone going)
	'Amelika	the United States of America, USA
	'ao	cloud
	'āpele	apple
	'api	home
	'Asitelēlia, 'Aositelēlia	Australia
	'ave atu, 'oatu	to send, to give
<b>'E</b>	'eiki	chief
	'eke	to ask
	'elelo	tongue
	'emo	to lick
	'Epeleli	April
<b>'I</b>	'ilamutu	male's sister's child
	'ilo	to know, to find
	'ita	angry
<b>'O</b>	'ofa	love (n), to love, kind
	'ōfefine	male's daughter
	'ōfisi	office
	'Okatopa	October
<b>'U</b>	'ufi'ufi	to cover
	'uha	rain
	'uhila	electric
	'ulu	head
	'uluaki	firstly
	'ulumotu'a	head of extended family
	'uma	kiss
<b>A</b>	a'u mai, tau mai	to arrive
	afā	storm
	afi	fire
	aka	roots
	ako	to learn, to study, to train, school (n)
	akonaki	to advise
	ala	to touch
	angakovi	rude

	ano	lake
E	efiafi	afternoon
	efiafi po'uli	dusk, time when it is becoming dark
F	fa'ahita'u failau	spring
	fa'ahita'u fakatōlau	autumn
	fa'ahita'u māfana	summer
	fa'ahita'u momoko	winter
	fa'ē 'eku fa'eé	mother's mother
	fa'ē, fine'eiki, mami	mother
	fa'ē, fa'ē'aki	mother's sister
	fā'ele	to give birth
	fa'ētangata	mother's brother
	fa'u	to create, to compose
	fafanga	to feed
	fahu	highest-ranking relative of the deceased at a funeral
	fai	to do
	fai'aho	birthday
	faiako	teacher
	faingofua	easy
	faka'aa'i	to wake up
	faka'ai'ai	to encourage
	faka'ali	to show
	faka'amu	to wish
	faka'aonga'i	to use
	faka'apa'apa	respect
	faka'au ā	goodbye (formal, said to an older person)
	faka'ilonga	to mark
	faka'ofa'ofa	beautiful
	faka'osi	to finish
	fakaafe'i	to invite
	fakaai	to satisfy
	fakaava	to open
	fakafeta'i	thanks (said to a chief or God)
	fakafiefia'i	to entertain
	fakafo'ou	to renew
	fakafonu	to fill
	fakafotu	female's brother's child
	fakahinohino	to direct, to guide
	fakainu	to make someone drink
	fakalalakaka	to progress
	fakalili	to boil water
	fakama'a	to clean, to clear
	fakamafana	to warm up food
fakamālō atu	thanks (formal)	
fakamālohisino	exercise	
fakamāsima	to add salt	

fakamatala	to describe
fakamatalili'i	to tease
fakamo'ui	to cure, to heal
fakamokomoko	to cool
fakamole	to spend
fakamōmoa	to dry
fakaoli	funny
fakapaku	to fry
fakapikopiko	lazy
fakasi'isi'i	to reduce
fakataha'i	to combine
fakatau	to buy, to sell, to shop
fala	mat
fālahi	wide
Falaite	Friday
falala	to trust
Falanisē	France
fale	house
fale fungavaka	house with more than one storey
fale sipoti, fale fakamālohisino	gymnasium
fale talavai, kēmisi	pharmacy
faleako	school building
falefaiva	cinema
faleika	fish shop
falekā	garage
falekai	restaurant
falekaukau	bathroom
falekoloa	shop
falelotu	church
falemā	bakery
falemahaki	hospital
falemālōlō	toilet
falengāue	factory
falepapa	wooden house
falepiliki	brick house
faletohi	bookshop
fāmili	family
fānau, tamaiki	children
fānauako	students
fanofano	to wash hands
fanongo	to listen
fefine	woman
fehi'a	to hate
feihaka, haka	to cook
Fepueli	February
fiefia	happy

	fieinua	thirsty
	fiekaia	hungry
	fiema'u	to want to, to need to
	fika	Maths, Mathematics (school subject)
	fika'i	to calculate
	fili	to choose
	finemotu'a, fine'eiki	old lady
	fio	to mix
	Fisi	Fiji
	fiu	to have enough to eat
	fō	to wash clothes
	fo'i	fruit (singular)
	fo'i hina	bottle
	fofola	to spread out
	foha	male's son
	foki	to return
	fokotu'unga	pile, stack
	folau	to go on a boat or plane
	folo	to swallow
	fu'u lahi	very big
	fu'u lahi 'aupito	huge
	fu'u si'isi'i	very small
	fu'u si'isi'i 'aupito	tiny
	fua	to weigh
	fufulu	to wash
	fufuu'i	to hide
	fusi	to pull
<b>H</b>	Ha'amoā	Samoa
	ha'i	to tie up
	ha'u	to come
	hae'i	to tear
	hala	road, wrong
	hapo	to catch
	Hauai'i	Hawaii
	havili	windy
	hela'ia	tired
	hele	knife
	hengihengi	early morning
	heu	to stir
	hiki	to raise, to migrate, to lift
	hingoā	name
	hiva	to sing
	ho'atā	midday
	ho'atā efiāfi	early part of the afternoon
	hoa	spouse
	hola	to escape

	holoholo	to wipe
	homueka	homework
	hopo	to jump
	hū	to enter
	hua'i, lingi	to pour
	husepāniti	husband
I	ihu	nose
	ilifia	afraid, scared
	inu	to drink
	ipu	cup
K	ka	but
	kā	car
	kai	to eat
	kaka	to climb
	kakau	to swim
	kamata	to start
	kapau	if
	kata	to laugh
	kātoanga'i	to celebrate
	kaukau	to bathe
	kaume'a	friend, boyfriend, girlfriend
	kelekele	soil
	kemo	eyebrow
	kenitini	canteen
	kia	neck
	kili	skin
	ko hono ua	secondly
	koe'uhi	because
	kofu	dress
	kolo	town, city
	kolosi	to cross
	komipiuta	computer
	konga	piece of
	kou'ahe	cheeks
	kovi	bad
	kui fefine	grandmother
	kui tangata	grandfather
	Kuki 'Ailani	Cook Islands
	kulo	pot
	kulupu	group
	kumukumu	chin
	L	la'ā
la'e		forehead
laipeli		library
lala'u		to pinch
langa		to build

	langi	sky
	lanu 'uli'uli	black
	lanu engeenga	yellow
	lanu hinehina	white
	lanu koula	gold
	lanu kulokula	red
	lanu mata	green
	lanu melomelo	brown
	lanu moli	orange
	lanu pingikī	pink
	lanu pulū	blue
	lanu siliva	silver
	lanu vāleti	violet
	lau	to read
	lea	to speak
	Lea Faka-Pālangi	English (language, school subject)
	lele	to run
	lēlue	train
	lepitopu	laptop
	lī, tolongi	to throw
	li'aki	to throw away
	liliu, fetongi	to change
	lioni	lowest-ranking relatives of the deceased at a funeral
	loi	to lie
	loki	room
	lokiako	classroom
	lōloa	long
	loto	agree
	loto kolo	town centre
	lotu	to pray
	louhi'i nima	fingers
	louhi'i va'e	toes
	lue	to walk
	lulu'i	to shake
	Lūsia	Russia
<b>M</b>	ma'a	clean, pure
	ma'ama'a	light, cheap
	Mā'asi	March
	ma'u	to receive
	maama	light
	māfana	warm
	māhanga	twins
	māhina	moon
	mahua	to spill
	maka	stones
	mala'e	field

	mala'evakapuna	airport
	malemale	touch (game)
	mali	to marry, wedding, spouse (n)
	malimali	smiling
	mālō	thank you
	mālō 'aupito	thank you very much
	mālō 'etau ma'u e 'ahó ni	hello (formal)
	mālō e lelei	hello
	mālōlō	to rest
	malu'i	to save, to protect
	mamafa	hard, heavy, expensive
	manutotolo	animal
	masiva	poor
	mata	eyes
	matāpule	orator
	matātahi	beach
	maumau'i	to break
	Mē	May
	me'a ā	goodbye (said to a chief)
	me'akai	food
	me'alele	vehicle
	me'angāu	device
	mehekitanga, mehikitanga	father's sister
	mo	with, and
	mo'ui	health
	mo'unga	mountain
	mo'usioa	to stare
	mohe	to sleep
	mohe'anga	bed
	mokopuna	grandchild/great grandchild, male or female
	Mōnite	Monday
	mopaila	mobile phone
	motu'a, tangata'eiki	old man
	muimui	to follow
	musie	grass
<b>N</b>	nanamu	to smell
	natu	to knead
	natula	nature
	naunau ako	stationery
	neesi	nurse
	nenā	grandmother
	neongo	although
	ngaahi	to make
	ngata	snake
	ngatu	tapa
	ngāue	work (n), to work



	ngutu	mouth
	nifo	tooth, teeth
	nima	hand, arm
	niu	coconut
	Niuē	Niue
	nofo	to stay, to live, to sit
	nofo ā e	goodbye (to someone staying)
	nōpele	noble
	nounou	short
	Nōvema	November
	Nu'usila	New Zealand
<b>O</b>	ō	to go (dual or plural)
	olo	to scrub
	ongo	to feel
	ongo kui	grandparents
<b>P</b>	pā	father, grandfather
	paasi, lava	to pass
	palakū	ugly
	pasi	bus
	pasiketipolo	basketball
	pau'u	naughty, ill mannered
	pea	and
	pekia	deceased
	peleti	plate
	pēpē	baby
	Pilitānia	the United Kingdom, UK
	piva	skirt
	po'uli	night
	pongipongi	morning
	pōtalanoa	to converse
	poto	clever
	puke	to hold
	pula	balloon
	puleako	principal
	Pulelulu	Wednesday
	pulia	to disappear
	pulu	ball
	puna	to jump, to fly
	punou	to bow (head)
	pusiaki	adopted child
	putu	funeral
<b>S</b>	sai	good
	saienisi	Science (school subject)
	Sanuali	January
	saoa	shower
	sea	chair

	Sepitema	September
	Siaina	China
	Siapani	Japan
	sio	to see, to look
	sipoti	sports
	sitou	stove
	Siulai	July
	sivi	to examine
	soka	soccer
	sote	shirt
	Sune	June
<b>T</b>	tā fakatātā	drawing
	tā telefoni	to call (phone)
	tā valivali	art
	ta'ahine	girl
	ta'alo	to wave
	ta'eloto	to disagree
	ta'okete	male's older brother, female's older sister
	tafi	to sweep
	tahi	sea
	taki	to lead
	tala	to tell
	talanoa	to talk, to discuss
	talausese	pants
	tali	to answer, to reply
	tama fefine	female's daughter
	tama tangata	female's son
	tamai 'eku fa'eé	mother's father
	tamai tamai'aki	father's brother, uncle
	tamai, tangata'eiki	father
	tamasi'i	boy
	tāmate'i	to erase
	tānaki	to collect
	tangata	man
	tangi	to cry
	tangutu	to sit
	tanu	to bury
	tātā	to bang on something
	tau'olunga	female solo dance
	tauhi laipeli	librarian
	tehina	male's younger brother, female's younger sister
	teke'i	to push
	tēpile	table
	teuli	dairy
	teuteu	to get ready
	tīpota	teapot

	Ttsema	December
	to'o hifo	to bring down
	to'o, 'ave	to take
	to'o, fua, fafa	to carry
	tohi	to write, book (n)
	tokanga	to pay attention
	toketā	doctor
	Tokonaki	Saturday
	tokoni	to help
	tokoua	female's sister/male's brother
	tokoua, tokoua'aki, kāsini	cousin
	Tonga	Tonga
	topu	tub
	tu'apō mālie	right on midnight
	Tu'apulelulu	Thursday
	tu'u	to stand
	tu'usi	to cut
	tu'utu'uni	rules, regulations
	tufa e me'akai	to serve food
	tui	to believe, knee, belief (n)
	tui'i	to tackle (sports)
	tui'i nima	elbow
	tukituki	to knock
	tuli	to suspend
	tuofefine	male's sister
	tuonga'ane	female's brother
	Tūsite	Tuesday
<b>U</b>	u'u	to bite
	uaifi	wife
	ui	to call
	uma	shoulder
<b>V</b>	va'e	feet, legs
	va'inga	to play
	vaeua'i	to divide equally in two parts
	vahevahe	to share
	vaitafe	river
	vaka	boat
	vakapuna	aeroplane
	vesitapolo	vegetable
	volipolo	volleyball