

NCEA Level 3 Vagahau Niue 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 3 Vagahau Niue 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 8. 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 (Vagahau Niue to English)**.

Other configurations of this list (eg. English to Vagahau Niue; by category) can be downloaded [here](#).

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

ncea.education.govt.nz > New Zealand Curriculum > Learning Languages: Vagahau Niue > Teaching

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.

L3	Vagahau Niue	English	Vocabulary classes
A	aafu	to be humid	verb
	aagi	breeze	noun
	amanaki	to be prepared, preparation, hope	verb
	aulo	gold	noun
E	ekefakakelea	to poorly treat another person or object	verb
	ekefēfē	whatever	adverb
	ekepule	politician, assembly man	noun
	eketaha	be determined/ to endure, to strive	verb
	epoepo	to lick (as in food)	verb
F	fakafoou	to renew, to restore	verb
	fakafua koloa	shop owner	noun
	fakaheke	to praise	verb
	fakahele	to cherish, a cherished one	verb, noun
	fakahiku	finally, last, in the end	adjective, adverb
	fakakehe	to make different, to alter, to change	verb
	fakakehekehe	a variety of different items or colours	adjective
	fakaholo	to drive, to postpone, to move forward	verb
	fakamafiti	to hasten	verb
	fakamole	to spend money, to let go of something	verb
	fakamomoko	to chill food/drink, to cause sadness and sorrow	verb
	fakatai	to compare, example, comparing likeness (similes)	verb, noun
	fakatatai	compare	verb
	fale aoga	school	noun
	fekī	laughing, to laugh (when referring to more than one person)	verb
	fepā	to crash onto each other	verb
	fepākaki	to collide	adverb
	fuafua	to measure weight, volume, length, height, distance	verb
	fuafua	to guess, to estimate	verb
	G	gahuahua	functioning
gahuahuaaga		process of how something works	noun
gega		to swing, to cling on to something	verb
gēgē		clam (seashell)	noun
gokigoki		tiptoes	noun
goagoa		to be foolish, to be silly	adjective
gutuhala		doorway	noun
gutuhi		to make small talk	verb
H	havilivili	to breeze, cool breeze	verb, adverb
	hikihi	changing, adaptable	adjective
	hopo	to hold court	verb
	hopoate	fearful, state of anxiety	adjective
	hopohopo	manner in which one laughs, skipping forward	verb
	huihui	of having too many bones (as in fish)	verb, adjective
	huihui	to alternate (as in mixing flowers and leaves in a kaho)	verb

	huki	to pierce	verb
I	ikiiki	young, little children	noun
	ikififine	esteemed female person	noun
	ikimaaga	village leader	noun
	ikitaane	esteemed male person	noun
	Ikipule	Chief	noun
	itanoa	ill-tempered	adjective
	itatafuā	jealous	adjective
K	kakano	reason	noun
	kakikaki	fishing rod	noun
	kalaga	shout	verb
	kamukamu	to walk in haste	adverb
	kamuta	carpenter	noun
	kauhala	roadside/ curb	noun
	kavega	burden	noun
	kehekehe	different	adjective
	kekeu	turning or an act of turning	noun
	kelikeli	to dig	verb
	keukeu	uneven, not straight as in a line	adjective
	kifē	where to	adverb
	kofē	where	adverb
	L	latau	to quarrel, to fight over something
levaleva		in a while, for a while	adverb
ligoligo		numb (body part)	adjective
liuaki		to return	verb
liuliu		to answer back, backchat	verb
loma		to gossip	verb
M	mafiti	quickly	adverb
	mahekeheke	jealousy, jealous	noun, adjective
	mahofi	love (abstract), to adore	noun, verb
	maimainā	to be embarrassed	verb
	matagi	weather	noun
	matakutaku	scared	adjective
	mataono	to stare	verb
	matemate kelea	misfortune	noun
	mokogia	beloved	noun
	momole	slippery, smooth	adjective
	moumou	to destroy, broken	verb, noun
	muaatu	especially	adverb
	muka	young leaves	noun
	mukamuka	easy	adjective
O	ofogia	surprised, shocked	verb
	omoi	to support a proposal	verb
	oneone	sand	noun
	onoono	to watch	verb

	ovava	banyan tree	noun
P	pakipaki	to break into pieces	verb
	papaki	to break in two	verb
	patuiki	king	noun
	peito	kitchen (traditional)	noun
	peleō afi	motor vehicle	noun
	pikipiki	to put things close together	verb
	pikopiko	to lie, lied, a liar	verb, noun
	pikitia	contagious	adjective
	puhala tū	road, street	noun
S	sipota	teapot	noun
	sipote	sports	noun
T	takai	to circle the island bearing gifts	verb
	takalo	to roam	verb
	tatao	to soak	verb
	tauteute	to get ready	verb
	to matagi	bad weather	adjective
	tonai	Sunday lunch	noun
	tua	to rely on, to depend on	verb
	tuga	compare using 'like'	conjunction
	tui kalaga	loud expression of joy, a call of joy	adjective
U	ualesi	wireless	adjective
	uiina	to invite, invitation	verb
	ukuuku	to snorkle, to dive in the ocean	verb
	uluulu	reef	noun
V	vaka hiki	a canoe	noun
	velavela	too hot, very good	adjective, adverb
	vevela	scorching heat	adjective