



## Articulated Assessment Transfer Task

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### *Takiwātanga*: my/his/her own time and space

Te reo Māori

#### Context

[Tui Ora](#) seeks new ideas for materials in te reo Māori on Whānau health and wellness to support *Takiwātanga*, autism and the neurodiverse community.

[In my interview with Mr. Keri Opai](#), he explains *Takiwātanga*: my/his/her own time and space, with Māori perspectives, wisdom, and stories. Mr. Opai is the author of the Te Reo Hāpai glossary and creator of the word *Takiwātanga*. Listen and you will understand the expression of his ancestors “He mana tō te kupu” – “Words have great power”. They meant that the power of language cannot be overstated. Words can crush a person’s self-esteem or uplift it to great heights. Interview in Māori and English.

#### Authentic Materials

[Te reo Hāpai Māori website for use in the mental health, addiction and disability sectors.](#)

[Video: Watch Keri Opai, creator of the word \*Takiwātanga\*.](#)

[Video: A Hamilton Māori family raises awareness.](#)

[Te reo Hāpai Māori website for use in the mental health, addiction and disability sectors.](#)

[Video: Watch Keri Opai explain Māori perspectives and language.](#)

[Video: Supporting whanau to navigate \*Takiwātanga\*](#)

[Video: Tūraukawa Bartlett: their own time and space.](#)

[Video: Autism not a disability, but a different ability-Mom and child at FunFest](#)