

Title	Interact using spoken Vagahau Niue to share and respond to personal information, ideas and opinions		
Level	1	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to interact using spoken Vagahau Niue to share and respond to personal information, ideas and opinions.
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Classification	Languages > Vagahau Niue
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	Interact convincingly using spoken Vagahau Niue to share and respond to personal information, ideas and opinions. Interacting convincingly is demonstrated by using language, language features and strategies to support interactions that are generally credible and fit for the context. Communication is not significantly hindered by inconsistencies.
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Criteria for Excellence	Interact effectively using spoken Vagahau Niue to share and respond to information, ideas and opinions. Interacting effectively is demonstrated by using language, language features and strategies to successfully maintain interactions that are consistently fit for the context. Communication is not hindered by inconsistencies.
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard can be awarded with an Achieved, Merit, or Excellence grade. For the Achieved grade to be awarded, the outcome must be achieved as specified in the outcome statement. For Merit or Excellence grades to be awarded, the learner must meet the Merit or Excellence criteria specified above.
- 2 *Vagahau Niue* refers to the authentic language of Niue as communicated in the Pacific Island nation and in New Zealand.
- 3 This unit standard is derived from the Learning Languages learning area, Communication strand, Curriculum Level 6 of *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, and is related to the *Tau Hatakiaga ma e Vagahau Niue: The Niue Language Guidelines* (<http://pasifika.tki.org.nz/Pasifika->

[languages/Vagahau-Niue](#)) and the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Languages*, Ministry of Education at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>.

- 4 *Interactions* are characterised by:
- a genuine purpose
 - negotiating meaning
 - initiating and maintaining
 - participating and contributing
 - appropriate language
 - social and cultural conventions
 - use of simple interactive strategies such as fillers, questioning, interrupting, recognising cues, agreeing and disagreeing, thanking, encouraging, apologising, pausing, prompting, seeking clarification.

Not all characteristics need to be evident in one interaction.

- 5 Learners must show they are able to communicate on past, present and/or future events.
- 6 Two learners may be assessed simultaneously, but each learner must fulfil the requirements of the unit standard independently.

The quality of the selection of interactions, considered as a whole, is more important than the length. However, the interactions must be long enough to generate sufficient evidence for quality assessment. Suggested time for level 1 interactions is two to three minutes in total.

- 8 It is recommended that:
- i the outcomes are assessed as part of an integrated unit of work, relevant to the learning context of the learner;
 - ii assessment be conducted in conjunction with assessment against other Vagahau Niue unit standards at this level.

9 Definitions

Conversations refers to talking with familiar people on familiar topics that relate to the learners' personal life past, present and/or future experiences – tau tala he haaku a moui, for example: magafaoa (family), tau fakafetuiaga he magafaoa (family relationships), feua sipote (sports), tau tufuga (arts and crafts), fakatau mena kai (buying food) shopping, kaina (home), describing talahauaga ke he tau matakavi (local places), tau fakafiafiaaga (celebrations), formal cultural responses and different ways of interacting with elders.

Convincing refers to information, ideas and opinions that are believable and conclusive.

Effective refers to writing that has influence/impact in the development of ideas and opinions. Writing shows control of language and is fit for purpose and audience.

Language features include the way words work in sentences. For example: verb tense markers such as:

Kua – indicates that the event had happened, **e.g. Kua omai tuai he vao.**

Ke – signals something that is yet to happen, **e.g. Ō ke taute e fekau ha mua.**

A ē – signposts something that is in progress, **e.g. Ko maua a ē ne oatu.**

Spoken presentation refers to, voice modulation, voice projection, tone, pace, pause for dramatic effect, articulation, use of space, enunciation, stance, non-verbal cues.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Interact using spoken Vagahau Niue to share and respond to personal information, ideas and opinions .

Range minimum of two spoken interactions, each in a different context and for a different purpose; each assessed on a separate occasion.

Performance criteria

1.1 Interactions are maintained for a given purpose and context.

Range interactions may include – short transactions, short conversations.

1.2 Personal information, ideas and opinions are communicated in culturally appropriate spoken Vagahau Niue relevant to the situation.

Range situations may be informal, formal, social, cultural, routine.

1.3 Language and language features match the purpose and situation.

1.4 Interactive strategies are used to support interactions.

Range interactive strategies may include but are not limited to – pausing, negotiating meaning, prompting, seeking clarification.

1.5 Communication is achieved overall, despite hesitations and inconsistencies.

Range inconsistencies may include but are not limited to – pronunciation, intonation, gesture, body language, rhythm patterns, delivery speed or audibility, stress patterns, tones or language features.

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Review	3	3 November 2023	N/A

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Comments on this unit standard

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