

L1: To make predictions

L1: To find information in the text

L1: To make inferences about the events in the text using the clues provided by the author.

L1: To retell the text in fewer words (summarise)

Tasks:

- Asking questions helps us make stronger connections to the text.
- Record comments in the grey comment area.

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Guided Discussion



# TANIWHA

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Taniwha have a special relationship with Māori, who tell many stories about them. Taniwha have different roles – and one of these is as kaitiaki. Many taniwha live in or near lakes, rivers, or the sea and help to protect and keep these places safe.

**Predictions:**

- What do we do when we predict?  
We make a guess on what we know about the topic
- **Predict** what you think this text might be about. Use the image on pg 37 to help you make your prediction.

A taniwha

**Establish PK:**

- What do we already know about...?
- They are creatures who live in the sea.

**Define** these words: Use your own words in your response.

- Kaitiaki
- A guardian
- Protect
- To look after
- Relationship
- Be connected
- Creature
- An animal
- Polluted

- Your task.... 3 sentences
- Challenge....4 sentences
- Super Challenge....5 sentences

Unpack the recount structure - highlight on paper

List of keywords

Students tick with vivid when hear word

Kaitiaki ✓  
 Protect  
 Relationship  
 Creature  
 Polluted  
 Crops  
 iwi

- poison
- Crops
- Growing plants for food
- Iwi
- Maori tribe

**Find the information in the text to answer these questions:**

**Pg 37**

- What is one role of a taniwha?
- Protector of the land and sea

Use the information in the text to create a summary of the text.

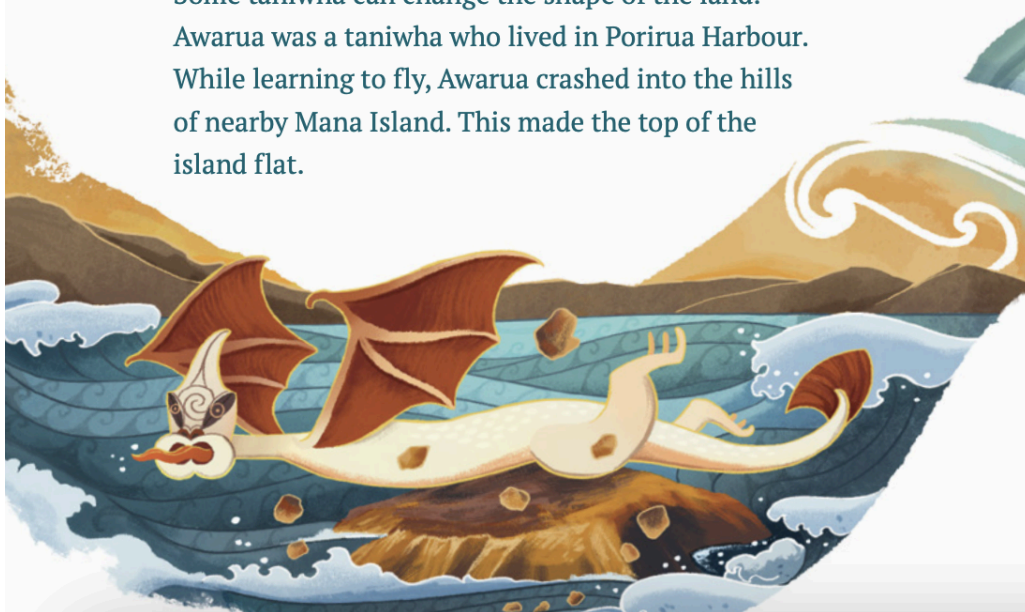
20 words	Kaitiaki Protect Relationship Creature Polluted Crops iwi
6 words	taniwha Creature Polluted Crops iwi
summary	Taniwha are mythical creatures that look after the sea.

## What are taniwha?

Taniwha can be creatures or objects and can have many different shapes and forms. Some taniwha even change what they look like when it suits them. They might appear as large, giant lizards, as fish such as sharks, as whales, or even as logs of wood. There are also stories of taniwha who look like creatures from another planet!

Māori sometimes leave gifts, such as food, at the homes of taniwha. Taniwha are also celebrated in carvings and buildings, on murals (wall paintings), and in stories.

Some taniwha can change the shape of the land. Awarua was a taniwha who lived in Porirua Harbour. While learning to fly, Awarua crashed into the hills of nearby Mana Island. This made the top of the island flat.



### Pg 38

- What is a taniwha?
- A creature or object
- How are taniwha celebrated?  
In carvings and buildings

### Pg 39

- How do taniwha help us?
- They can change the shape of the land and guiding waka
- What can we do to help the taniwha?  
Not throw rubbish in the sea

### Pg 40

- How can we be kaitiaki?
- Pick up rubbish
- Why is it important to keep the home of the taniwha healthy and safe?
- So other sea creatures don't die from plastic

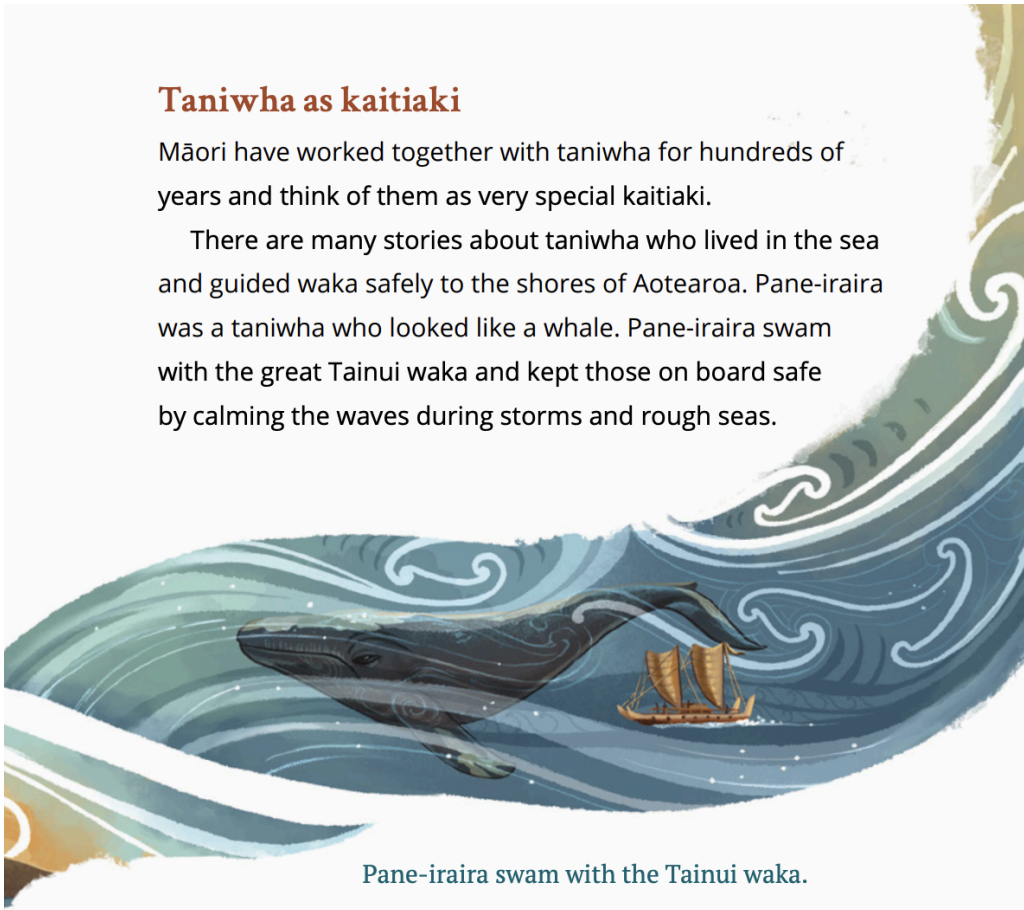
### Create Task:

- Make a poster calling on us to protect the environment

## Taniwha as kaitiaki

Māori have worked together with taniwha for hundreds of years and think of them as very special kaitiaki.

There are many stories about taniwha who lived in the sea and guided waka safely to the shores of Aotearoa. Pane-iraira was a taniwha who looked like a whale. Pane-iraira swam with the great Tainui waka and kept those on board safe by calming the waves during storms and rough seas.



Pane-iraira swam with the Tainui waka.

Taniwha also protect the environment and can help us to be better kaitiaki of our lands and seas. If we don't look after these places with care and respect, taniwha can give us a sign that something is wrong. Some people believe that taniwha can get angry and cause problems if their homes are polluted or damaged. If the building of a new road destroys the home of a

### How can taniwha help us?

Taniwha can give us helpful information. Some iwi believe that when certain taniwha appear, it's a sign that good weather is on its way. Other stories tell of a taniwha that appears in the sea as a log of wood. This is a sign that crops will grow well or there will be plenty of fish to catch.

### How can we help taniwha?

Like taniwha, we can be kaitiaki. Think about the rivers or streams near where you live. How can you help taniwha to keep these places healthy? You could plant trees and shrubs along rivers to help keep the water clean. You could pick up rubbish with your friends at your local beach or lake. And you can be kaitiaki at home by not using too much water when taking a shower, brushing your teeth, and washing the dishes.



Remember that if we keep the homes of taniwha healthy and safe, we can enjoy playing, swimming, and gathering food from these places too!

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