

Pukapukan

English is rarely spoken, although most locals know some and children are taught it in the local school. It's estimated just over 2,000 people in Oceania speak Pukapukan. Here is how to say some things in Pukapukan:

Pewea: Hello, how are you?

Ko Lelei Wua: I'm fine

Ata Wai Wolo: Hello/Thank you

A written form of the language does not exist, but a unique project is underway to translate the Bible into Pukapukan. A New Zealand scholar is working with the Pukapuka community to create the very first work in the language.