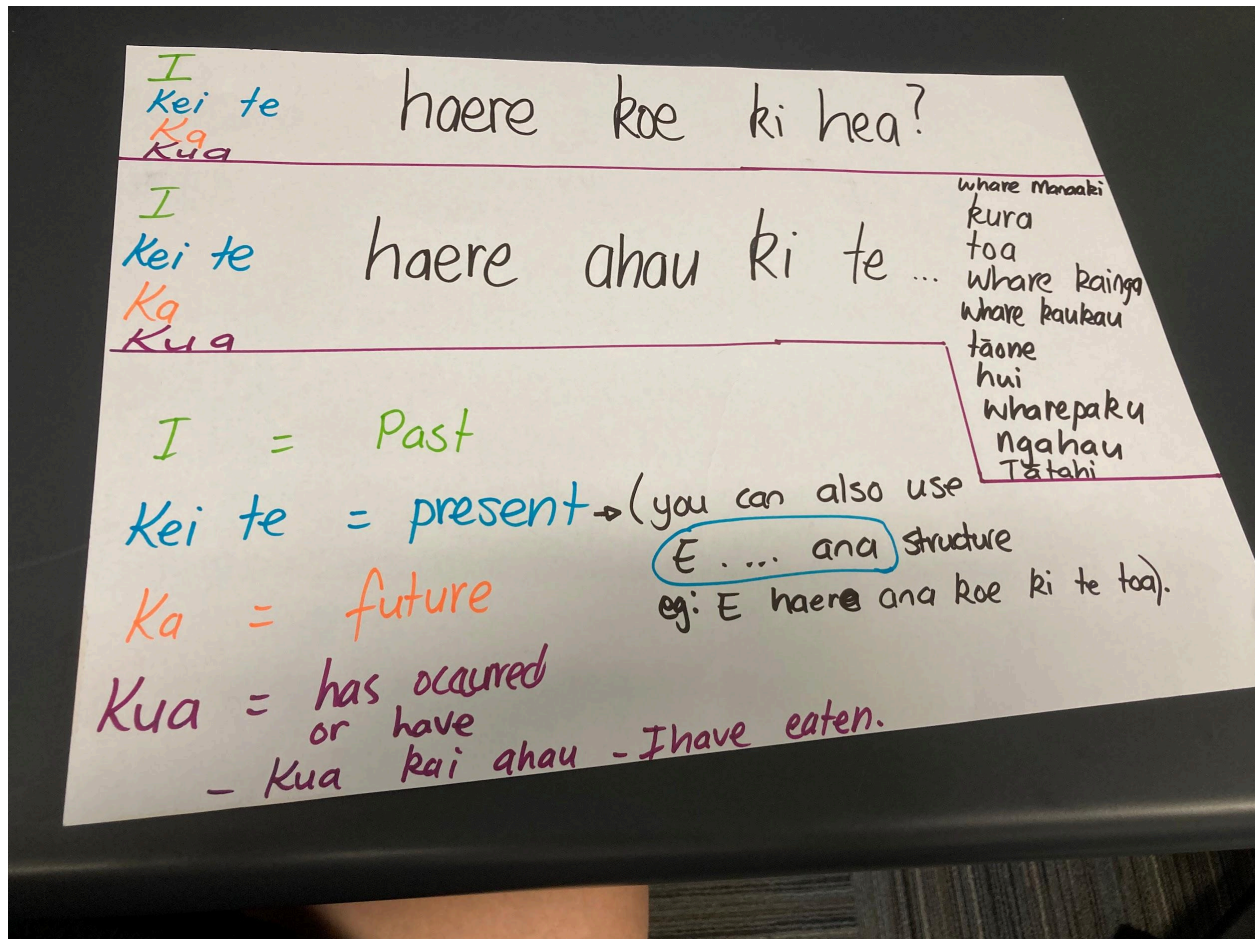


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In English we have a sentence structure:

Agent + tense marker + Verb

He + is + running

In te reo Māori a basic action phrase has this sentence structure:

Tense marker + verb + Agent

Kei te + oma + ia

Here are some examples using different tense markers:

Let's look at some examples using the verb **oma** or run and the pronoun **ia** or he / she to highlight the differences of each tense marker:

<i>Kei te ...</i>	<i>(Present tense marker)</i>
Kei te oma ia	He / She is running
<i>E ... ana</i>	<i>(Present tense marker)</i>
E oma ana ia	He / She is running
<i>I ...</i>	<i>(Past tense)</i>
I oma ia i tērā wiki	He / She ran last week
<i>Kua ...</i>	<i>(An action has occurred)</i>
Kua oma ia	He / She has run
<i>Ka ...</i>	<i>(Future tense)</i>
Ka oma ia āpōpō	He will run tomorrow

All of these statements can be turned into a question by a simple change in voice inflection or the addition of a question mark at the end of the sentence:

<i>Kei te ...</i>	<i>(Present tense question)</i>
Kei te oma ia?	Is he / she running?
<i>E ... ana</i>	<i>(Present tense question)</i>
E oma ana ia?	Is he / she running?
<i>I ...</i>	<i>(Past tense question)</i>
I oma ia i tērā wiki?	Did he / she run last week?
<i>Kua ...</i>	<i>(Question – has the action occurred?)</i>
Kua oma ia?	Has he / she run yet?
<i>Ka ...</i>	<i>(Future tense question – will?)</i>
Ka oma ia āpōpō?	Will he run tomorrow?

Translate these sentences into te reo Māori. Make sure you use [macrons](#).

The dog is sleeping.

The girl is sitting.

The dad is talking.

The mum is sitting.

The boys are playing.

The girl is eating.

The grandmother is laughing.

The dad is standing.

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Translate these present tense sentences into te reo pākehā:

Kei te waiata te manu.
Kei te tangi te tama.
Kei te moe te pēpi.
Kei te whakarongo ahau.
Kei te āwhina ia.
Kei te hiakai ia.
Kei te moe a Miriama.
Kei te kata ahau.

Kei te kaukau te rakiraki.

Kei te heke te ua.

Kei te horoi kākahu ngā tamariki.

Kei te huna koe?

Kei te whiti te rā.

Kei te whāwhai ngā tama.