



Fill in the correct word (Drag it into the sentence) There are extra words you don't need.

Haka

The Haka originates from the native inhabitants of New Zealand, the Maori people. It is a very physical dance with chants, which **1** _____ traditionally performed as war cries. Nowadays, it is performed to welcome important guests, to recognise great achievements **2** _____ simply to entertain.

If you ever watch New Zealand playing rugby, you **3** _____ also see the team, the All Blacks, performing the Haka. They do this to show respect **4** _____ past and present players, the supporters and New Zealand and ... to scare their opponents. The All Blacks performed **5** _____ first Haka in 1888 in Britain, but it is now recognised all over the world.

The dancers imagine that their body is an orchestra in **6** _____ their hands, feet, legs, body, voice, tongue and eyes all represent musical instruments. The Haka involves a lot of powerful body movements; slapping your hands **7** _____ your body, showing the whites of your eyes (pukana), sticking out your tongue (whetero) and stamping your feet -imagine a tribe of Maoris doing all this holding weapons **8** _____ preparing to go into battle!

The Maori people perform in a traditional outfit called a kakahu. The costume is **9** _____ up of a grass skirt and a belt with unique engravings. The Maori people are also famous **10** _____ their tattoos or Ta Moko, which cover their faces, making this dance look even more ferocious!

The most well-known Haka is called Ka Mate. The story goes that the most feared tribal chief, Te Rauparaha, was fleeing from his enemies. As he was greatly outnumbered, he hid in a pit protected **11** _____ another chief and his wife. The chant below is about the moment the enemy tribe passed near the pit to look for him and his thoughts switched between living and dying. The 'hairy man' is the chief who hid him and **12** _____ sure he saw the sun again. It is said that he came up with this chant while in hiding and that he performed it as **13** _____ as he returned to his village.

Now, the Ka Mate is performed as a celebration of the triumph of life over death.

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