

# AOTEAROA

food tropical the first make up crops traditional the ordinary people

sailed fish bird

*1. Put the words in the correct places in the text.*

## THE MAORI

They were ..... people to live in NZ.

Their names mean .....

The earliest Maori were called the Mao

Hunters because their main ..... was

the Mao, a ..... . They also caught

..... and grow .....

It is believed that the Maori ..... to NZ

from a ..... island called Hawaiki.

Today, the Maori ..... about 10% of

New Zealand's population. Many Maory

have kept their language and their

..... culture.





War Dance

rituals

comes

considered

stamping

important

chant

warriors

puberty

attractive



## THE MAORI CULTURE

The Haka is an action ....., often described as a ..... . It's a chant with hand gestures and foot ..... originally performed by ..... before a battle.

The word "tattoo" ..... from the Tahitian word "tatau". The head was ..... the most scared part of the body. Tattooing commenced at ....., accompanied by many rites and ..... . In addition to make the warrior more ..... to women, the tattoo practice marked both rites of passage and ..... events in a person's life.

