Answers: Learning and Riddles

Check your thinking after trying the activities. Different thoughtful answers are welcome for open questions.

3. What Did You Discover?

- **1.** Nana
- **2.** Puanga
- **3.** Star names and whānau traditions
- **4.** 3, 1, 2

4. Matariki and Puanga

- **1.** Matariki
- **2.** Puanga
- **3.** Both
- **4.** Puanga
- **5.** Matariki
- **6.** Both

5. Look Towards the Stars

- **1.** Matariki
- **2.** Puanga

6. Meet the Stars

- **1.** 9
- **2.** No

7. Matariki: Wellbeing and Togetherness

- **1.** Invite someone to join in

8. Puanga: A Different View

- **1.** Rigel
- **2.** 3, 1, 2
- **3.** Store it safely

10. Tupuārangi: Above the Ground

- **1.** Tūī
- **2.** Pīwakawaka
- **3.** Berries

11. Waitī: Freshwater Connections

- **1.** Freshwater
- **2.** Saltwater
- **3.** Freshwater
- **4.** Saltwater
- **5.** Keep rubbish out

13. Waipunarangi: The Rain

- **1.** Rain
- **2.** 3, 2, 1
- **3.** 5

14. Ururangi: Follow the Wind

- **1.** 3
- **2.** 3
- **3.** Leaves moving

17. Who Am I? Star Riddles

- **1.** Matariki
- **2.** Puanga
- **3.** Tupuānuku
- **4.** Tupuārangi
- **5.** Waitī
- **6.** Waitā
- **7.** Waipunarangi
- **8.** Ururangi
- **9.** Pōhutukawa
- **10.** Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Answers: Wordfinds

Each marked line shows one word. Match the word list to the letter grid.

18. First Star Wordfind

P	O	O	I	O	O	I	M	W	O
U	W	N	I	N	N	W	T	M	I
O	S	E	A	W	R	A	T	O	I
I	T	W	P	S	R	A	I	N	U
W	O	A	U	T	R	R	W	R	M
I	P	R	A	A	E	A	H	T	O
N	M	O	N	R	W	O	Ā	P	O
D	T	R	G	P	O	I	N	K	N
I	I	N	A	W	U	M	A	P	A
E	N	R	W	K	A	I	U	I	R

PUANGA · WHĀNAU · STAR · RAIN · WIND · MOON · KAI · SEA

19. Star Quest Wordfind Challenge

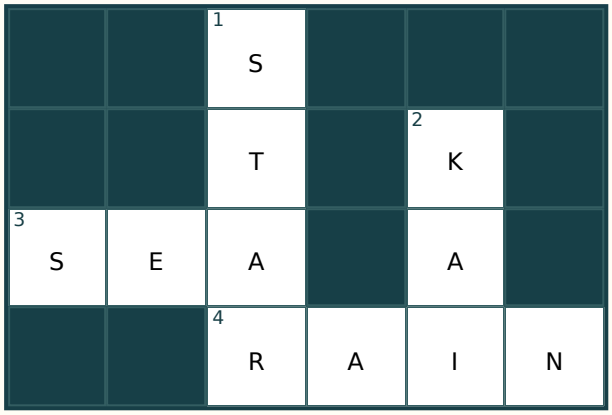
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WAIPUNARANGI · TUPUĀRANGI · PŌHUTUKAWA · TUPUĀNUKU · MATARIKI · URURANGI · PUANGA · WAITĪ · WAITĀ · HIWA

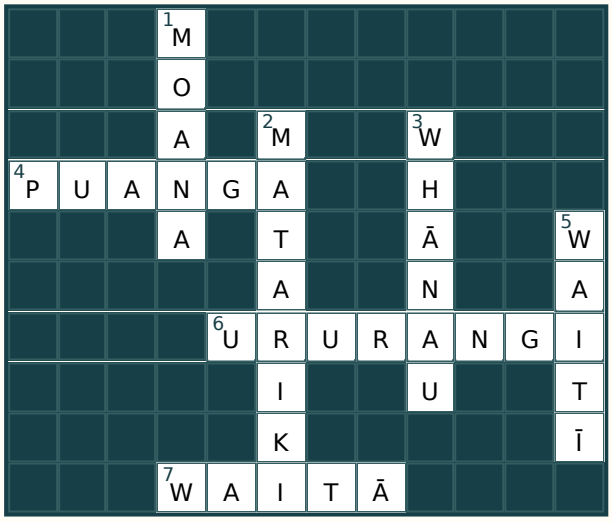
Answers: Crosswords

The completed grids show the spelling used in this book.

20. Picture-Clue Crossword



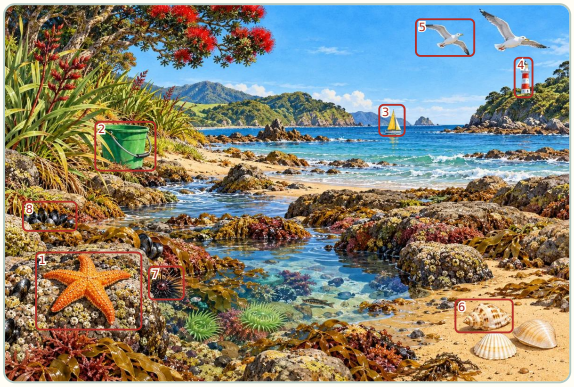
21. Crossword Challenge



Answers: Picture Puzzles

Numbered outlines mark each changed object or forest treasure. Match the numbered answer notes to the exact activity pictures.

12. Waitā: Our Moana



1. Starfish: orange to purple · 2. Bucket: green to blue · 3. Sail: yellow to red · 4. Lighthouse stripes: red to blue · 5. One gull removed · 6. Spiral shell removed · 7. Sea urchin removed · 8. Middle-left mussel cluster removed

22. Spot the Difference: Whānau Gathering



1. Teapot: red to blue · 2. Basket: light to dark brown · 3. Oranges replaced with green apples · 4. Boots: yellow to red · 5. Watering can: blue to green · 6. Towel stripes: blue to red · 7. Pepper grinder removed · 8. Tūī removed from branch · 9. One sunflower removed · 10. Nana's pendant: green to blue

23. Hidden Treasures of the Picture



1. Feather · 2. Kite · 3. Notebook · 4. Spiral shell · 5. Red bottle · 6. Woven basket · 7. Backpack · 8. Mossy log · 9. Waterfall · 10. White flowers · 11. Koru fronds · 12. Red flowers

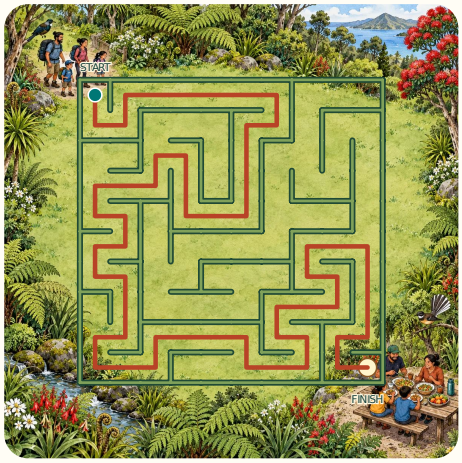
Answers: Codes and Challenges

Mazes have one open route. Sudoku and the kai logic puzzle each have one solution.

9. Tupuānuku: Kai from the Ground



24. Journey to the Gathering



25. Crack the Star Code

- **1.** CARE AND SHARE

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26. Star Sudoku

Puzzle 1

★	☾	◆	●
◆	●	★	☾
☾	★	●	◆
●	◆	☾	★

Puzzle 2

★	☾	◆	●
◆	●	★	☾
☾	★	●	◆
●	◆	☾	★

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27. Who Brought the Kai?

- **1.** Bread
- **2.** Apples
- **3.** Soup

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33. The Final Star Quest

- **1.** Puanga
- **2.** Waitī
- **3.** KAI
- **4.** No
- **5.** Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Sources, Credits and Whānau Guidance

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Puanga is Rigel, separate from the Matariki cluster. The book introduces a nine-star account without claiming it is the only account. For local tikanga and viewing advice, ask knowledgeable people in your community.

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Young learners may work with whānau. Reflection is optional; remembering someone can be quiet and private. Sky watching, cooking and outdoor activities need appropriate adult support.

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