

TE TAPARAU – THE POLYGON

Some languages, including Māori, have names for polygons according to their number of sides.

1 Match each of these Māori shape names to the English word.

Māori word

tapatoru

tapawha

taparima

tapaono

tapawaru

English word

pentagon

hexagon

triangle

quadrilateral

octagon



Here's a hint -

tahi (1) rua (2) toru (3)
wha (4) rima (5) ono (6)
whitu (7) waru (8)

2 Draw each shape.

3 What could 'tapa' mean?