

Vocabulary

Words. Boy, do us Kiwis know how to use them! In our world, we know what they mean – but do you?!

Kiwi Savvy lessons also include words we like to use. Increase your vocab and understand how Kiwis use words. It's all about the context!

How to do it!

You'll see vocab Kiwis like to use in our example conversations in each Kiwi Savvy lesson.

Conversation Script



Wow, I need to mow the lawn again!



Yeah, all this rain's made the grass go haywire, eh!

Look at more examples



Check the meaning of new words and expressions at the end of the lesson.

Note this vocabulary

Nouns	Meaning
fizzy	a NZ word for a carbonated sweet drink, e.g. coke, lemonade, etc.
Tui	a native NZ bird 
hail	balls of ice that rain from the sky
Other	
,eh	hasn't it - Kiwis often use eh instead of question tags

But if you want to learn a useful skill, don't check the meaning just yet – guess it!

Guess the meaning of a word from the context

Using the context to guess the meaning of a word is a handy skill. Especially when you're out in the real world and you come across language that you're unsure of, but you need to know.

How to do it!

1. Read the whole conversation – this is the context.
2. Decide if the word is a verb, noun, adjective, adverb, etc. If you're not into grammar, think about it like this:
 - is it an action? – something you **do**
 - is it a thing? – a name, a state, an object
 - does it describe a thing? – a **fat** dog, a **red** ball, a **comfortable** sofa
 - does it describe how or when you do an action? – quietly, lazily, fortnightly
3. Guess the meaning of the word. Use the context to help you (the whole conversation).
4. Check the meaning in the *Note this vocabulary* section at the end of the lesson.

Example

The young boy **scaled** the tree in just under a minute. He could see everyone below him laughing.

scaled

After reading the sentence, we know:

- the boy did an action using the tree – **scaled** must be a verb
- the boy must've been up high because he could see everyone below him

Guess: **scaled** must mean something like climbed

And sure enough, it does!