

# What's Yours Is Yours, What's Mine Is Mine

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Rapa Nui is the Polynesian language spoken on the islands of the same name, the Chilean territory also known as Easter Island. A feature of some Polynesian languages, such as Rapa Nui, is that there is more than one way to describe possession.

Here are some phrases in Rapa Nui and their translations in English.

<i>tā'aku hau</i>	my rope
<i>tō'ona mata</i>	his/her eye
<i>vak 'a Taka</i>	Taka's canoe
<i>'iŋoa o Puakiva</i>	Puakiva's name
<i>tō'oku vārua</i>	my spirit
<i>kete 'a Kava</i>	Kava's basket
<i>tā'aku kūmara</i>	my sweet potato
<i>tō'ona māramarama</i>	his/her wisdom
<i>kōkoma o Tiare</i>	Tiare's intestine

Your challenge is to determine which of the choices below show how to say the following three phrases in Rapa Nui:

<u>his/her microphone</u>	<u>Orohe's body</u>	<u>my smell</u>
a. <i>tā'ana microfono</i>	<i>hakari o 'Orohe</i>	<i>tā'aku 'eo</i>
b. <i>tō'ona microfono</i>	<i>hakari 'a 'Orohe</i>	<i>tō'oku 'eo</i>
c. <i>tā'ana microfono</i>	<i>hakari o 'Orohe</i>	<i>tō'oku 'eo</i>
d. <i>tō'ona microfono</i>	<i>hakari 'o 'Orohe</i>	<i>tā'aku 'eo</i>