

STORY: NAMES OF VILLAGES

Plane day on Niue is always an exciting time. Today, Natela was excited. His cousin Mele and Aunty were arriving from New Zealand. When they arrived, Natela and Nena Lose hugged them and they made their way to the waiting car. They put the luggage in and started the long bumpy drive home to Mutalau.

On the drive home, Mele asked, "Nena, how long does it take to drive around Niue?" "Three hours" replied Nena Lose. After a bumpy ride, they finally arrived home.

As they unpacked the chilly bins Natela commented on how heavy they were. Mele said "My dad gave me a parcel to take to my Nena in Hakupu. "Natela, which way is it to Hakupu?" Natela showed Mele the way to Hakupu and he watched her walk in that direction. Nena Lose and Aunty Vai went looking for Mele. "Hey Mele, where are you going? You can't walk to Hakupu it's too far. We can deliver it later."

Later that evening Nena Lose told Mele about the villages on the island. Nena Lose told her that the island was divided in two a long time ago. The Northern side was called Motu and the Southern side was called Tafiti. There were four villages on each side of the island. These days Motu and Tafiti are not used and there are 14 villages in Niue.

The names of the villages starting from the South are Alofi Toga, Tamakautoga, Avatele, Vaiea and Hakupu. "That's where my Nena lives," said Mele. "Yes" replied Nena Lose. After Hakupu is Liku, Lakepa, Mutalau..."Oh that's where we live now aye" Nena Lose replied "Yes my dear it sure is" After Mutalau we have Toi, Hikutavake, Namukulu, Tuapa, Makefu then last of all is Alofi Tokelau.

"Wow I learnt something new today" said Mele. Nena continued to tell Mele that each village has an older name but that's another story. Nena told Mele to take her parcel to her Nena in Hakupu.

When they arrived in Hakupu, Nena had put on a delicious feast to welcome her granddaughter. Mele was happy to see her Nena but felt sad because she had misplaced the parcel. She ate dinner quietly before Nena Lose told her to go get her medicine in her bag. Mele opened Nena Lose's bag and the first thing she saw was the parcel for her Nena. This made her so happy, and she enjoyed the feast with her family.

CREATING YOUR BIG BOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- 8 A4 sheets of paper
- Crayons or pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story
2. Follow the guidance below to create your big book
3. You can use pictures only OR words and pictures
4. Read the big book to your child
5. Ask questions before, during and after the story is read.



QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER READING

- a. What can you see in this picture? What do you think the story is about?
- b. Why was Natela excited on plane day?
- c. What was in the chilly bags?
- d. How many villages are in Niue?
- e. Why was Mele sad when she had arrived at Nena's house?
- f. What was in Nena Lose's bag?



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Drawing of the inside of an airport. A young boy and his grandmother hug 2 female family members who have just landed.

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Drawing of the family at the airport carpark, putting luggage into the boot.

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Drawing of a young boy and his female cousin unpacking the car. The female cousin is showing her young male cousin a small parcel.

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Picture of the young male cousin holding the parcel, pointing towards a sign saying "Hakupu". The female cousin is walking far into the distance, towards the sign.

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Drawing of the grandmother telling her granddaughter a story. A thought-bubble from the granddaughter shows the Niue Island separated in half, one side is titled 'Motu' the other side titled 'Tafiti'.

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Drawing of the family including the young boy granddaughter, grandmother and aunty at a family celebration. The young boy is carrying the parcel.

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Drawing of the family celebration at the grandmother's house. The granddaughter gifts the parcel to her grandmother. Everyone is happy and having fun.

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