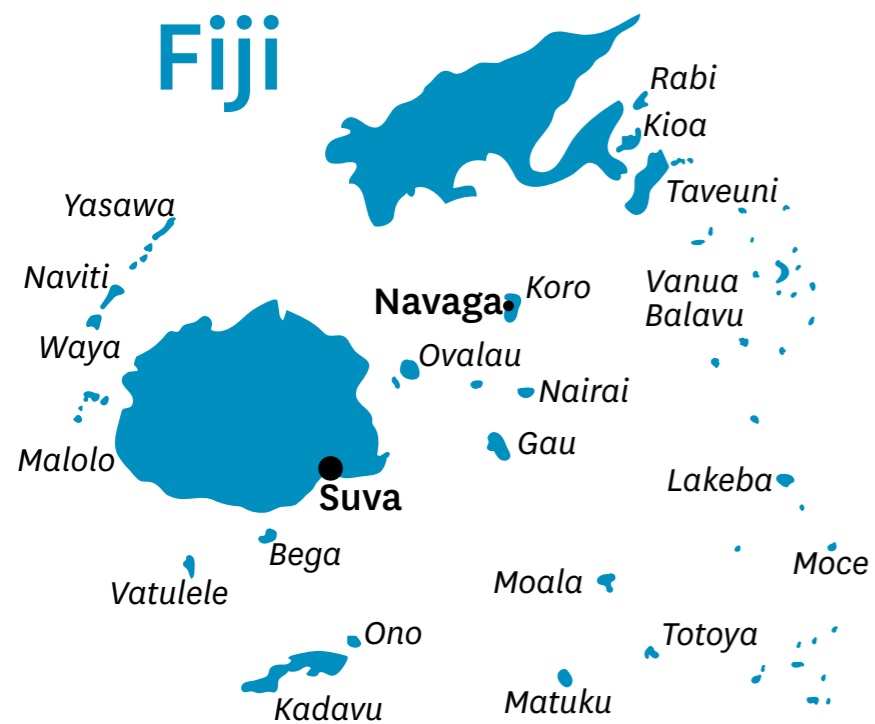




Fijian Language Week | Sunday 8 – Saturday 14 October

The overarching theme for the 2022 Pacific Language Weeks was sustainability, which aligned with our Pacific Languages Strategy and fed into the UNESCO Decade of Indigenous Languages to sustain and revitalise heritage languages. This theme of sustainability has resonated strongly with our Pacific communities, who have agreed to carry it over for Pacific Language Weeks 2023.

Fiji is made up of 330 islands where 110 are inhabited.
Located 2000 km from New Zealand.



Fiji's population is 884,887

Quick facts

During the 19 century, Fiji attracted many New Zealand planters, traders and missionaries. New Zealand was also a place of refuge for Indo-Fijians in 1987 were the Fijian military overthrew the nation's government.

Kava is a popular drink in Fiji that is consumed socially. It is made from the roots of the plant, Piper methysticum Forst. (Piperaceae).

Everyday words you can use in person and in emails

Fijian	English
<i>Ni sa bula</i>	Greetings/Hello
<i>Ni sa bula kece sara</i>	Greetings everyone
<i>Ni sa moce - vei kemudou na</i>	Goodbye - to those who are leaving
<i>Dou moce</i>	Goodbye - to those who are staying
<i>Yalovinaka</i>	Please
<i>Vinaka</i>	Thank you
<i>Vosota</i>	Sorry