

Ingoa: _____ Rangi: ____/____/____

He Tiro Mākutū

Nā Jan Maguiness

Whatukura

He tuatara kei runga i te pakitara o tō mātau kura. Engari kāore anō mātau kia whāwhā i tētahi tuatara, tae noa ki tētahi rā i tae mai ai tētahi tuatara ora ki tō mātau kura. Ka tukuna mātau kia whāwhā atu. I te tīmatanga i maku ētahi o mātau kei ngaua mātau e te tuatara.

Ko te tikanga o te ingoa “tuatara” ko “tuarā pūtaratara.” I whakaaro mātau tērā he māra, he kirikau te āhua o te kiri o te tuatara, engari i tā mātau whāwhātanga atu, he ngohengohe, he nohinohi kē te āhua. Tērā pea, kua waru miriona tau te roa o te tuatara e noho ana i Aotearoa.

Ehara te tuatara i te mokomoko. Ko ia anake te mōrehu o te momo ngārara e kīa nei ko te *Sphenodon*. Kotahi rau tau te tuatara e ora ana.

Ko ngā kai a te tuatara he mokomoko, he manu moana me ā rātau hēki, tae atu hoki ki ngā punua tuatara. He kaha ngā whatu o te tuatara, ā, ka pōuri ana ka whakamākohatia e rātau ō rātau koringo kia kaha ai te kite i te pō.

Ka tūpato hoki te tuatara, nā te mea ko te tangata, ko te kiore, ko te ngeru, ko te kurī, me te poaka ngā mea kei te patupatu i te tuatara i tuawhenua. Ko tō mātau tūmanako ka mōhio ia kāore ia e whara i a mātau.