

Maui and the Magic of Fire

Early one morning, Maui and his brothers went fishing in their canoe. Maui spotted a fire on the mountain.

“Look,” said Maui. “There is a fire burning on the mountain. I wonder whose it is.”

“Fire? We haven’t seen fire in years!” one of his brothers replied.

Maui’s village had been without fire for a long, long time. The people had to eat food that was raw and uncooked.

Q1: What could Maui see on the mountain? Tick **one** answer.

some fish

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his brothers

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a fire

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the village

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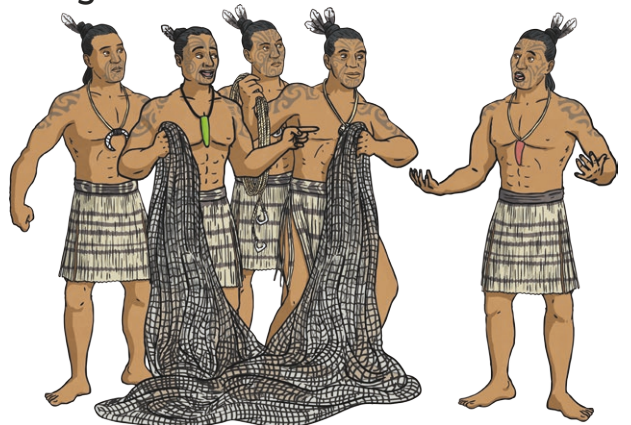
Q2: When did Maui and his brothers go fishing?



“Let’s take the fish we catch and cook a delicious feast,” said another brother.

Maui rushed onto the sand and ran towards the fire he had seen. As Maui reached the spot, he saw lots of birds. When the birds saw him, they scratched out the hot fire and quickly flew away.

Maui was very disappointed. He went back to his brothers and told them of the birds and the fire. Maui and his brothers decided to return the next day and sneak up on the birds.



Q3: Circle **two** things that Maui saw on the sand.



lots of shells

his brothers

a hot fire

lots of birds

Q4: Find and copy **one** word which describes how the birds flew away.



The next day, they saw the fire again! Maui sneaked onto the island and watched the birds picking up some sticks for the fire. Maui was so excited that he jumped out before the fire had started. Feeling angry, he grabbed one of the birds.

“Don’t hurt me!” cried the bird. “If you hurt me, you will never know the secret of the fire!”

Q5: Why do you think that Maui was feeling angry?



Q6: Do you think that Maui will hurt the bird?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Why do you think that?





Maui and the Magic of Fire **Answers**

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Q2: When did Maui and his brothers go fishing?

Accept the answers 'early one morning', 'early in the morning' or 'in the morning' only.

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Q4: Find and copy **one** word which describes how the birds flew away.

Quickly

Q5: Why do you think that Maui was feeling angry?

Accept answers which discuss the fact that the birds had scratched out the fire before Maui could get to it, e.g.

Maui was angry because the birds put out the fire last time.

Q6: Do you think that Maui will hurt the bird? Why do you think that?

Accept either yes or no as an answer providing that a relevant justification is provided to explain their choice, such as:

Yes, because:

- he was really cross with it for ruining the fire;
- he might have eaten it with his brothers.

No, because:

- he wants to know the secret of fire and knows he will never find out if the bird gets hurt.