

In the north of New Zealand, there is a place called Whakapapa where there are waves aplenty...

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# The Adventures of Kory 'Flight of the Kiwi'

Fun educational activities for kids and parents  
Suitable for ages 7-13 years





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## Meet the Author and Illustrator of Kory the Kiwi

Paul Martin is an illustrator and graphic designer. Paul lives in Hamilton, New Zealand, where he is the owner of Riverstone Design Studio. He is married with two wonderful sons and this is his debut graphic novel.

The inspiration for this book 'Flight of the Kiwi', was drawn from his place of residence at the time of writing, France. Paul played professional rugby for Waikato, the Chiefs and in France for many years, and has had many adventures of his own.

For more about Kory the Kiwi go to [www.korythekiwi.co.nz](http://www.korythekiwi.co.nz)



# Kory the Kiwi 'Flight of the Kiwi'

## Synopsis

Meet New Zealand's new action hero... with feathers!

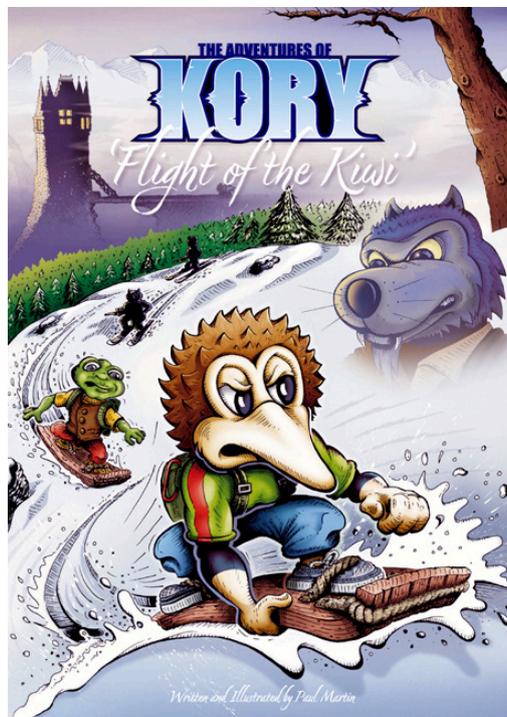
In the North Island of New Zealand, there is a place called Whale Bay. It is here, a little brown kiwi calls home. Kory and his friend Bert the green gecko, enjoy surfing and fishing. Adventure tracks these two characters and Kory often needs to use his 'Kiwi ingenuity' to get out of tricky situations.

Far away in the French mountains, on the Swiss border there is a hunter. A wolf named Gregor is looking for new game. He has heard of the rare brown kiwi from New Zealand and thinks the kiwi would be a great addition to his trophy wall.

After arriving in New Zealand he captures Kory's family and takes them back to Europe.

It is a race against time, as Kory and Bert set off to Europe and trek their way through the French mountains. They find themselves face to face with danger on their way to rescue Kory's family. Can Kory outwit this dangerous wolf and get him and his family out of trouble?

One rescue. One escape. One flight that will ruffle your feathers!



## **How Kory the Kiwi 'Flight of the Kiwi' was Born - Author's Story**

Over 10 years ago I was living in France, surrounded by interesting buildings and lots of history. I was the Kiwi who went on an adventure overseas. I went to play rugby and while there I had quite a lot of time to think.

My two passions in life have always been rugby and art. Make that three, I love books too! I decided to make the most of the time I had overseas and began sketching, visiting libraries, gathering research and noting down ideas.

My idea grew into the realisation "I am going to write a book". I knew I wanted to create a New Zealand main character, a hero that New Zealand children could relate to and of course every good hero needs a sidekick.

I selected a name that would go with Kiwi. Kory is not a commonly spelt name and has European origins, reflecting our New Zealand heritage. I had already created Gibert my first comic strip, Inspector Gilbert The Green Gecko (Bert for short), in the early 1990's while I was studying design and illustration, at Waikato Institute of Technology. Both Kiwi and the Gecko are very special animals in New Zealand, so too are Kory and Bert. I brought these two characters to life and gave them anthropomorphic qualities in my book.

Inspiration was bountiful. I was in France with my lovely wife and newborn son. I needed to make the most of my time. So I prepared a synopsis, rough layout and 3 page colour samples and sent them to publishers. In the early 2000's the Graphic Novel industry was seen as new and publishers were not ready to take this risk unfortunately, just when I was.

I decided to continue with this project regardless. Once back in New Zealand the drawings and development of the book continued. It became more of a side-line project, as this was when I was focusing my attention on creating a Design Company- Riverstone Design Studio.

Many years later, I decided to make my dream a reality and invested time to complete the book and money to publish it myself. My experience in the design industry allowed me the confidence to know I can do this, print it, promote it and sell it.

My book has taken off – proving two things- Kiwi really can fly and if you put your mind to it-anything can happen.

## Kory the Kiwi activities

Kory -Flight of the Kiwi is a book all about a flightless bird who finds himself risking his life, and the life of his friend, to save his family. They were being hunted because Kiwis are a rare and treasured species.

1. List as many rare and endangered species that you can think of:

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2. If rare and endangered species all disappear they become extinct. Name 3 species you know that no longer exist:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Kory has many wonderful characteristics. Circle the ones you think he is:

Clever	Kind	Thoughtful	Innovative
Polite	Patient	Brave	Mean
	Funny	Disorganised	Forgetful

4. List 5 words that describe you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why do you think the author chose to use a Kiwi as the main character?

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6. Look at the illustrations and using the detail to help you, write down 3 words to describe these characters.

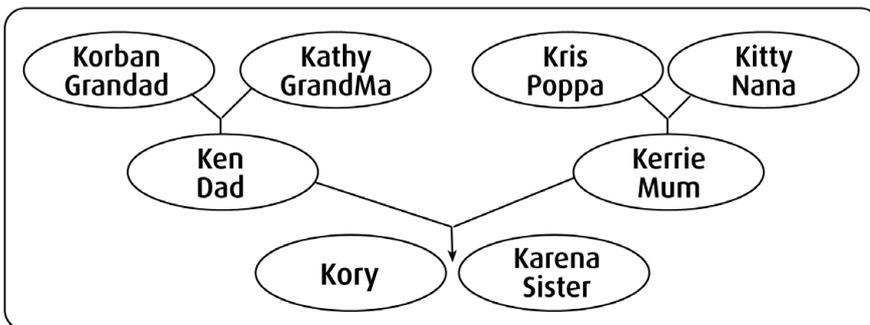
Gregor the Grey Wolf = \_\_\_\_\_

Gilbert = \_\_\_\_\_

Kory's Sister = \_\_\_\_\_

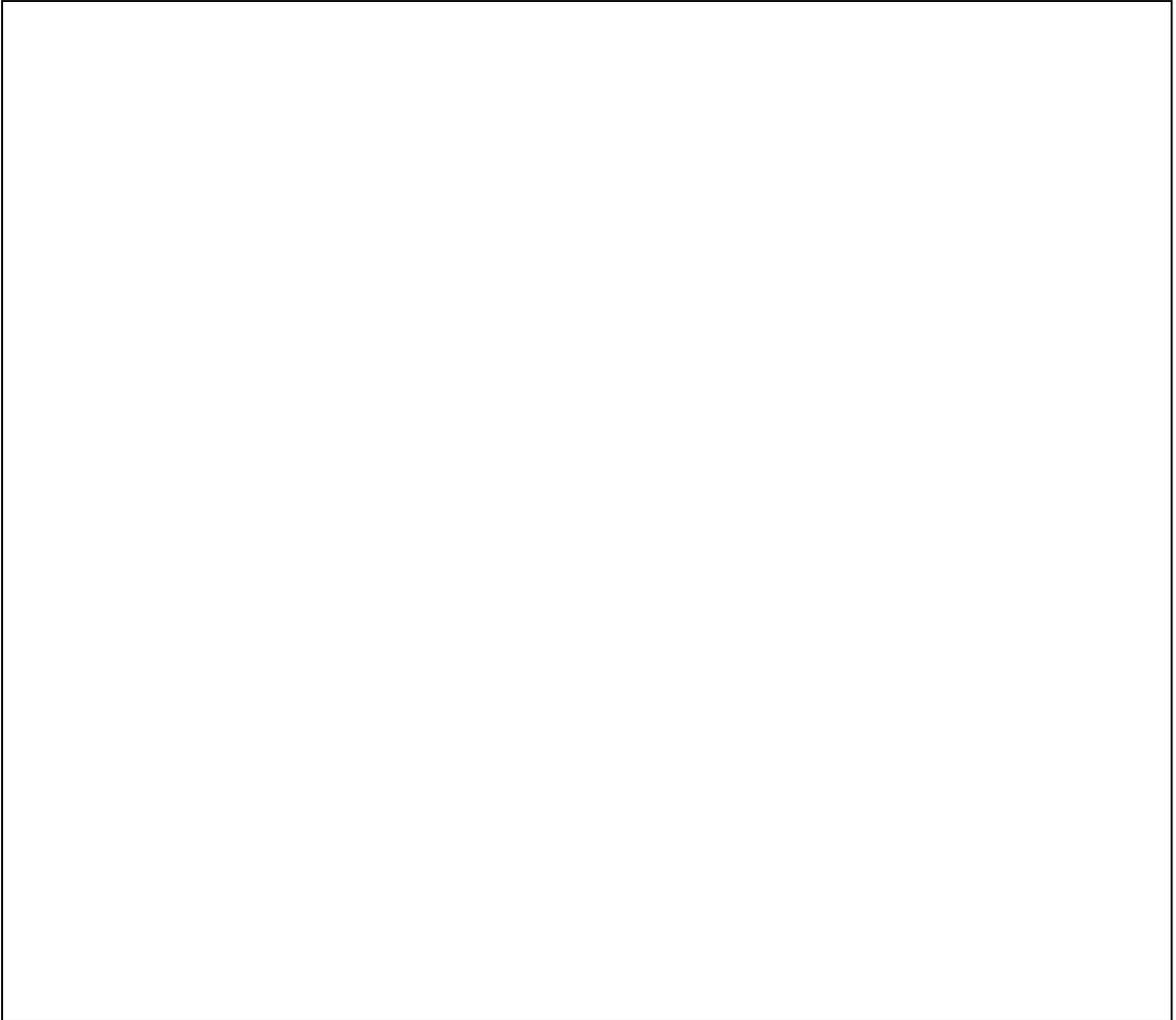
Patch the Ferret = \_\_\_\_\_

7. Kory's family means everything to him. Here is his family tree. Draw yours underneath:



Your family tree:

8. Do you have a favourite character? Which one is it? See if you can draw him / her here.



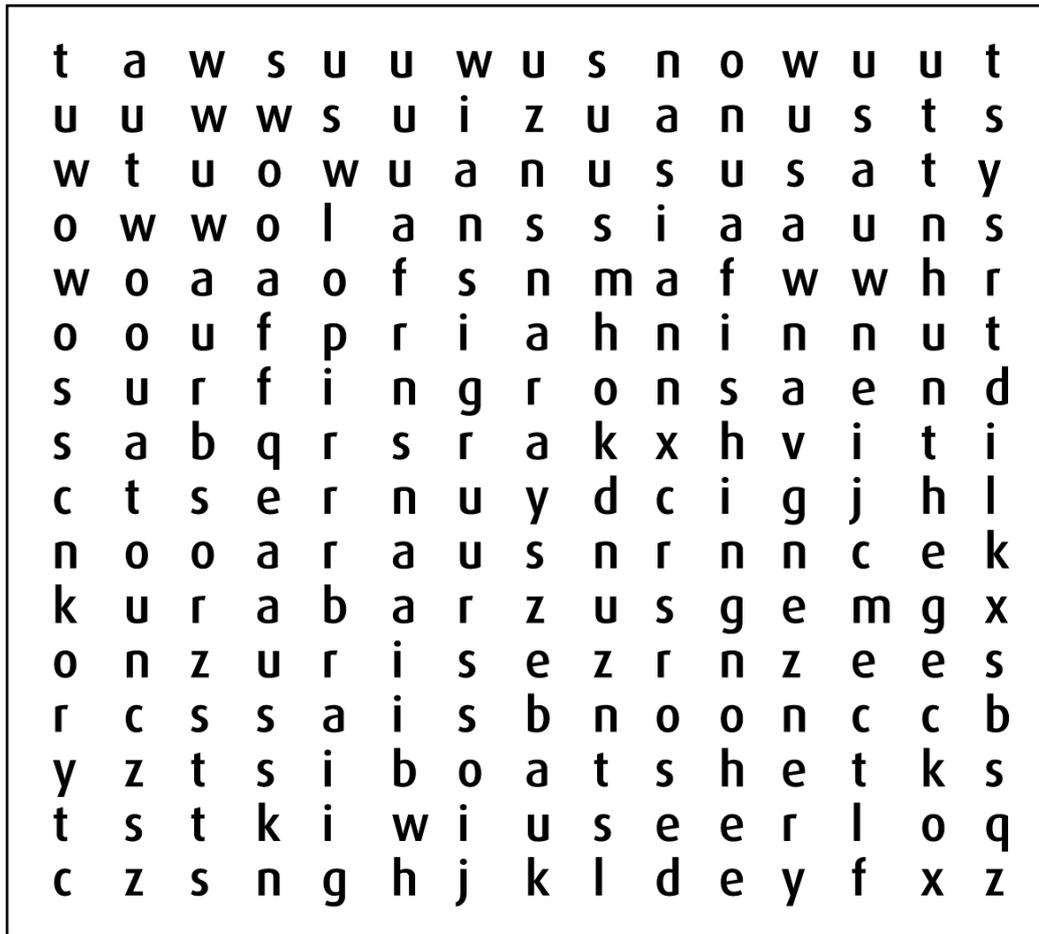
9. List the different types of transportation are featured or included in the story (surfing counts!)

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10. Kory the Kiwi word find:



Words to find

1. wolf
2. hunt
3. kiwi
4. gecko
5. fishing
6. surfing
7. snow
8. rare
9. kory
10. boat

11. Print out this page and sketch in pencil over the top to practice sketching Kory



12. Print out this page and draw in black pen over the top to practice inking Kory



14. **Now draw your own Kory action and speech Bubbles your way, all the best!**



Take care and keep drawing and remember Kiwis really can fly!  
Cheers Paul Martin [www.korythekiwi.co.nz](http://www.korythekiwi.co.nz)

