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| **Pepeha basics** |
| Description |
| Pepeha provide the means to present to others your tribal credentials to determine what pre-exiting relationships, affiliations and obligations we have towards one another. A potential stranger can discover a basis to connect with someone based on what has been shared. Whakawhanaungatanga provides a great opportunity to share pepeha/ko wai au so that we may build good relationships and promote transparency.The elements shared in this tool are all optional and not one pepeha is alike. Each represent a journey in both ones identity and for many they are a first part of engaging with Te Reo Māori. By working through the following, you may be able to craft a pepeha for you to share with others in mihi whakatau (welcoming) or whakawhanaungatanga (sharing). |
| Stopwatch | Timatanga |
| To open your pepeha you may select a proverb that you identify with or use an opening you have been given.* Tu ka ao, tu ka po, tu ka maranga ki te whai ki te ao marama e
	+ *As day and night pass we again find ourselves emersed in the light of new day*
* E kore e piri te uku ki te rino
	+ *Clay will not adhere to steel*
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| Mountains | Maunga |
| Maunga refer to prominant land features that are the authority that they represent. They can be drawn from your ancestral history or current locality.* Ko Maungawhau te maunga
	+ Mt Eden is my maunga
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| Highway scene | Awa |
| Awa were the vital providers and highways of traditional times. They can be drawn from ancestral history or current locality.* Ko Oratira te awa
	+ Oratira is my river
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| Lighthouse scene | Moana |
| In some traditions some people may have a significant body of water that they associate with their identity, this can be a lake, a bay or even an ocean body.* Ko te Rotorua Nui a Kahumatamoemoe te moana
	+ Rotorua is my lake
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| Group of people | Iwi |
| By acknowledging an iwi you claim lineage from an ancestor or tribal grouping.* Ko Tainui taku iwi
	+ My iwi is Tainui
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| Renovation (House With Sparkles) | Marae |
| A marae helps people identify what specific tribal group you may come from.* Ko Mokotangatakotahi te marae
	+ My marae is Mokotangatakotahi
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| Whānau |
| Gender | Hoa Tāne/Wāhine |
| You may choose to share the name of your partner.* Ko Jenny taku hoa wahine
	+ Jenny is my wife
* Ko Geoff taku hoa tane
	+ Geoff is my husband
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| Man with kid | Tamariki |
| You may choose to share the number of children you have and how many you have.* E rua aku tamariki
	+ I have two children
* Ko Evan me Joshua a rāua ingoa
	+ Their names are Evan and Joshua
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| Ko Wai Au |
| Employee badge | Taku Ingoa |
| You can share you name.* Ko Hemi taku ingoa
	+ My name is Hemi
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| Map with pin | No Hea Ahau |
| You can share where you are from. This can be currently or where you grew up.* No te Waipounamu ahau
	+ I am from the South Island
* No Waiheke ahau
	+ I am from Waiheke Island
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