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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* |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Ko Wai Au | |
| Employee badge | Taku Ingoa |
| You can share you name.   * Ko Hemi taku ingoa   + My name is Hemi |
| 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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