

Kia ora Koutou!

Acknowledge the mountain of the area

Ko toku/te maunga.

Ko (Maungatapu) te maunga (mountain). Or, use a mountain from your home town.

If you have a river...

Ko toku/te awa.

Ko (Maitahi) te awa (river), or use the river from your home town.

Your Waka

Don't say you came in on an aeroplane! Use a ship if your whanau came in the 1800s, otherwise leave it out, or acknowledge the Ngati Apa ki te Ra Tō's waka.

Ko..... toku/te waka.

Ko Kurahaupō te waka.

If you have an iwi (avoid Ngati Pakeha!)

Ko toku/te iwi.

Ko Ngati Apa ki te Ra tō te iwi o tenei kura.

Ko Te Taiuiwi taku iwi. Te Taiuiwi are the non-Māori who have 'recently' settled in NZ.

Or acknowledge the iwi of the area.

Tena koutou i nga iwi o tenei rohe

(Greetings to the tribes of the area) (there are 6)

Where are you from?

No ahau.

No ahau (I am from...)

If you are from elsewhere....

I whanau mai au i..... I was born in.... I whanau mai au i Otautahi (Christchurch)

I tipu ake au i..... I grew up in.... I tipu ake au i Otautahi.

Kei Whakatū tōku kainga inaianei. Nelson is my home now.

Ko toku kura.

Ko Birchwood toku kura (school)

Ko Chris Herrick taku tumuaki.

Acknowledging our Illustrious Leader.

Your whanau. Say first and last names.

Ko toku matua. *Father*

Ko toku whaea. *Mother, say her maiden name, this helps make connections.*

Married

Ko..... toku tāne (husband)

Ko.....toku wāhine (wife)

If you have one child....

Ko taku tamariki (child).

Ko.....taku tama (son).

Ko.....taku tamahine (daughter).

If you have more than one child...

Ko.... raua ko.....ko.....aku/nga tamariki.

Eldest child first, then in age order.

Ko toku ingoa.

First and last name. Say it proud.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa!

TENA koutou (emphasis on tena)

TE and TOKU used.

Use TE (the) if the mountain/ river etc are in the area, but not "yours".

Use TOKU (my) if mountain/ river etc is yours.

TE as in TEpid (not as in Tay).

KO as in KAW (but a short sound, not kawww), like apple COre

Listen to Maori vowels and such

http://www.maorilanguage.net/pronounce/pronounce_lesson.cfm?learningsubcategoryid=11