

TE REO MĀORI BUSINESS PHRASES

Your guide to using te reo Māori in the workplace

“ In 2020, Covid-19 changed our lives forever and never have New Zealanders been prouder to call Aotearoa, New Zealand home. We drew inspiration from te reo Māori proverbs ‘He waka eke noa – we’re all in this together’ and connection from “noho tawhiti, tū kotahi – keep at a distance, but stand as one.

We’re on a journey of embedding te reo māori in our business, to strengthen our connection to Aotearoa and we invite you, our partners, customers, colleagues and communities to join us as we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Kia kaha te reo Māori, let the Māori language be strong.”

Kirstin Te Wao – Head of Māori Development, Vodafone

He Kupu Whakataki | Introduction

This guide is to help you use te reo Māori in the workplace – in your emails, meetings and conversations.

He Kīanga | Phrases



He mihi | Introductions and greetings

Hello	Kia ora
Good morning	Mōrena / Ata mārie
Hello to a group (of 3 or more)	Kia ora koutou / Tēnā koutou
How are you?	Kei te pēhea koe? (1 person) Kei te pēhea kōrua (2 people) Kei te pēhea koutou (3+ people)
Good afternoon	Ngā mihi o te ahiahi



He kōrero pakihi | Business speak

You're a star	Ko koe a runga!
Keep an eye on the ball	Kia mau te aro
Give it a go	Karawhiua!
On the same page	Kua kotahi te waihoe
Think outside the box	Kia auaha ngā whakaaro
New ways of working	He ara mahi hou



He rauemi pakihi | Workplace tools / resources

Email	Īmēra
Device	Taputapu
Phone	Waea
Computer	Rorohiko
Laptop	Rorohiko kawekawe
Video conference	Hui ā-ataata
Network	Whatunga



He poroporoaki | Farewells / sign offs

Thanks for your help	Tēnā koe i tō āwhina (1 person)
Take care	Ngā manaakitanga
See you soon	Hei ākuanei
I'll wait for your reply	Ka tāria tō whakahoki
Thank you/regards	Ngā mihi



He kīanga pakihi | Business phrases

Let's brainstorm	Kia whakaraupeka mahara tāua (you and I) Kia whakaraupeka mahara tātou (3+ people)
Let's catch up	Kia hui tāua (you and I) Kia hui tātou (3+ people)
Good work	Tino pai!
I'm working from home	Kei te kāinga au e mahi ana
Love your work	Ka rawe ō mahi (1 person)

E whai mōhioranga anō ai ki te reo Māori, e toro ki www.reomaori.co.nz

To learn more about te reo Māori visit www.reomaori.co.nz

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