

MATES Junior Activity

Resource Guide

Goal: **Broadened Worldview**

Activity Type: Individual
Relationship Stage: Early

Activity Name:

"Greetings!"

Objective:

To share the cultural background of mentors and mentees using other languages

Preparation Time:

5 minutes

Activity Duration:

20 minutes

Required Material:

- Blank flash cards
- Knowledge of another language (mentor and/or mentee)
- Pens/markers

Instructions:

- On each flashcard, write a basic phrase to introduce yourself in another language. This language may be one you speak at home or grew up with, or a language you learned at school. These phrases may include:
 - Hello, my name is _____
 - I am _____ years old
 - My father/mother/siblings/family is _____
 - I live in _____
 - I have a pet _____ named _____
- Use the flashcards to introduce yourself to your mentee, and give them a chance to reply in the same language, using the flashcards as a guide.
- If your mentee speaks another language, ask them to share the same phrases (or other ones) in their language. Write them up on the blank flashcards and practice speaking back to them.

Further Notes:

- If you don't speak another language, try researching a language your mentee speaks, and they can guide your pronunciation.
- If your mentee doesn't speak the language of their culture, work with them to do some research on basic phrases so you can learn together. They may have adults at home who speak the language and can help too.
- This activity does not have to be limited to languages either of you already speak. Perhaps your mentee has an interest in another country/culture, or has done some Te Reo Maori at school and would like to do more.