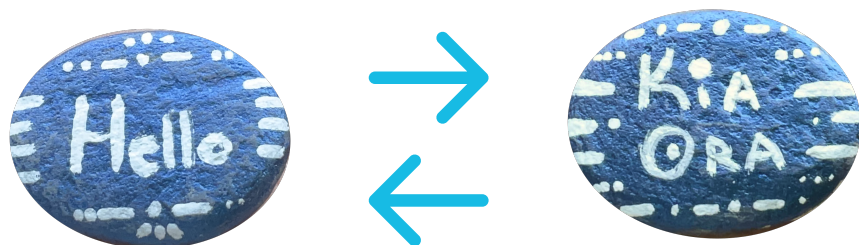# GeoLingo

GeoLingo started with a simple idea: to celebrate Te Reo Māori through rock painting. From there, it grew into something even bigger—bringing together all the languages spoken in our local community. As Aotearoa becomes more diverse, it's important to create a sense of belonging for everyone, and GeoLingo offers a fun and creative way to do just that.

By painting rocks with words or phrases from various languages and hiding them in public spaces, we invite people to discover, learn, and share. Whether someone finds a word in their native language or discovers a new one, GeoLingo creates moments of connection and curiosity. This project is a simple yet powerful way to bridge cultural gaps, foster inclusivity, and strengthen our sense of community.

1 Gather Supplies:
You'll need smooth rocks, vibrant paint (acrylic works best), and markers or paint pens for writing.

2 Paint the Rocks:
Start by painting one side of each rock in bright, cheerful colours. Let the paint dry completely before adding your words or phrases.

3 Choose Words or Phrases:
On one side, write a word or phrase in a language you know and cherish. On the other side, write its meaning in English. Or reverse it! Write a word or phrase in English, translate it into another language using a translator, and learn something new. For example, you could write "amigos" (Spanish for friends) or "ohana" (Hawaiian for family). Or choose a beautiful phrase like "Ngā mihi nui" (Te Reo Māori for many thanks). Each rock is an opportunity to share cultures and languages. This small action can spark curiosity and create understanding between people from different backgrounds.

4 Hide the Rocks:
Once the rocks are ready, place them in local parks, beaches, or any public space where they'll be discovered. Imagine someone from a different culture stumbling upon a word from their own language—what a great way to connect!
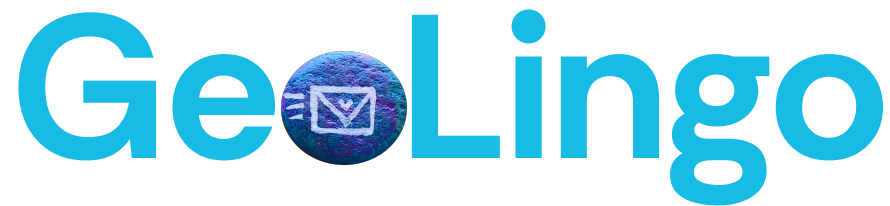
5 Share the idea:
Share the idea with your friends and family, on social media or with your local community groups, inviting everyone to join in. Encourage people to share words from their own languages or the ones they like.

And go on a GeoLingo hunt yourself! :)

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Te Reo Māori: **Aroha**

English: **Love**   NZ sign language:

Samoan: **Alofa**

Tongan: **ʻOfa**

Niuean: **Fakalofa**

Cook Islands Māori: **ʻInangaro**

Fijian: **Loloma**

Hindi: प्यार **(Pyaar)**

Mandarin Chinese: 爱 **(Ài)**

Cantonese Chinese: 愛 **(Oi)**

Korean: 사랑 **(Sarang)**

Japanese: 愛 **(Ai)**

Arabic: حب **(Hubb)**

Filipino/Tagalog: **Pag-ibig**

French: **Amour**

Spanish: **Amor**

German: **Liebe**

Punjabi: ਪਿਆਰ **(Pyaar)**

Gujarati: પ્રેમ **(Prem)**

Afrikaans: **Liefde**

Vietnamese: **Tình yêu**

Thai: รัก **(Rák)**

Russian: **Любовь** (Lyubov)

Ukrainian: **Любов** (Lyubov)

Portuguese: **Amor**

Italian: **Amore**

Dutch: **Liefde**

Turkish: **Aşk**

Greek: **Αγάπη** (Agápi)

Persian/Farsi: عشق **(Eshgh)**

Urdu: محبت **(Mohabbat)**

Bengali: প্রেম **(Prem)**

Tamil: காதல் **(Kaadhal)**

Sinhala: ආදරය **(Adaraya)**

Somali: **Jacayl**

Swahili: **Upendo**

Hebrew: אהבה **(Ahavah)**

Indonesian: **Cinta**

Malay: **Cinta**

Romanian: **Dragoste**

Polish: **Miłość**

Czech: **Láska**

Hungarian: **Szerelem**

Bulgarian: **Любов** (Lyubov)

Serbian: **Љубав** (Ljubav)

Bosnian: **Ljubav**

Croatian: **Ljubav**

Slovak: **Láska**

Lithuanian: **Meilė**

Latvian: **Mīlestība**

Estonian: **Armastus**

Albanian: **Dashuri**

Pashto: مينه **(Meena)**

Māori (Cook Islands): **Inangaro**

Kiribati: **Tangira**

Haitian Creole: **Lanmou**