



So You Want To Speak Hawaiian?

The Hawaiian Alphabet - Pi'ā Pā

Vowels : A E I O U

Consonants: Hē Kē Lā Mū Nū Pī Wē

Examples of common mispronunciations:



Hanalulu vs. Honoīulu

Kahalui vs. Kahului

The Diphthongs

Exercise:

ae	ea	ia	oa	ua
ai	ei	ie	oe	ue
ao	eo	oi	oi	ui
au	eu	iu	ou	uo

Easy ways to remember:

Lei (layee)



Hawai'i (Ha-vy-ee)



The Diacritical Marks

The Kahakō: The kahakō stresses the vowel sound. It is placed only above a vowel.

1. Lāhainā Lā = sun / hainā = merciless
2. Haleakalā Hale = house / a ka lā = of the sun

How would you say these words? Lahaina (variety of sugar cane)

Haleakala (House of color)

The 'Okina: The 'okina separates two vowel sounds. It is placed only before a vowel.

(with 'okina) Ma'i = sick Po'e = people

(w/o 'okina) Mai = towards the speaker; don't Poe = round, rounded

Practice saying the following:

Moloka'i Wing

Kaua'i Wing

Lāna'i Wing

Maui Wing

Kā'anapali Beach Hotel

Exercise:

ha'a	ka'a	la'a	ma'a	na'a	pa'a	wa'a
he'e	ke'e	le'e	me'e	ne'e	pe'e	we'e
hi'i	ki'i	li'i	mi'i	ni'i	pi'i	wi'i
ho'o	ko'o	lo'o	mo'o	no'o	po'o	wo'o
hu'u	ku'u	lu'u	mu'u	nu'u	pu'u	wu'u



Can you figure this out?

1. Don't come towards me. I am sick.
 - a. _____ hele _____ towards me. I am _____.
2. I see some round people.
 - a. I see some _____.

Vocabulary List

Greetings			
Good morning <i>Aloha kakahiaka</i>		Congratulations to you <i>Ho'opōmaika'i 'ana iā 'oe</i>	
Good afternoon <i>Aloha 'auinalā</i>		Happy Birthday <i>Hau'oli Lā Hānau</i>	
Good evening <i>Aloha ahiahi</i>		Happy Anniversary <i>Hau'oli Lā Male 'Ana</i>	
I love you <i>Aloha wai iā 'oe</i>		(To get someone's attention...) <i>Hui!</i>	
Thank you <i>Mahalo</i>		Until we meet again <i>A hui hou</i>	
Nouns			
Beer	Pia	Luggage	'Ukana
Food	Mea 'ai	Visitor	Malihini
Telephone	Kelepona	Resident	Kama'āina
Computer	Lolo uila	Purse or bag	'Eke
Pen	peni	Water	Wai
pencil	penikala	Ocean	Kai
Verbs, Values and Directions			
To go	Hele	Happy	Hau'oli
To drink	Inu	Family	'Ohana
To look	Nānā	Hospitality	Ho'okipa
To sleep	Hiamoe	Excellence	Po'okela
To care for	Mālama	Righteous	Pono
Towards the sea	Ma kai	Right here	Ma'ane'i
Towards upland	Ma uka		

'Imi Ka Hua 'Ōlelo - Word Find

Find the horizontal or vertical Hawaiian word

R	F	P	O	'O	H	I	W	I	K	U	E	M
K	E	O	Q	H	I	A	M	O	E	R	A	A
'U	K	A	N	A	I	L	Y	P	L	E	O	L
L	A	M	O	N	U	A	D	N	E	G	X	I
I	M	W	L	A	U	O	H	O	P	E	I	H
U	A	S	I	P	O	E	R	Y	O	S	A	I
E	'Ā	E	M	A	'E	K	E	M	N	A	E	N
B	I	A	A	I	D	R	P	I	A	U	T	I
K	N	O	J	C	W	E	O	W	W	F	U	I
W	A	H	A	L	T	A	'O	A	H	E	L	E

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| 1 | Hiamoe-sleep | 8 | Kama'āina-Born in this land |
| 2 | Ukana-Luggage | 9 | Lima-Hand |
| 3 | Lauoho-Hair | 10 | 'Ohana-Family |
| 4 | Hele-To go | 11 | Kelepona-Telephone |
| 5 | 'Eke-Bag | 12 | Malihini-Visitor |
| 6 | Waha-Mouth | 13 | Po'o-Head |
| 7 | Pia-Beer | 14 | Po'ohiwi-Shoulders |