

Hawaiian Phrases in UkeFest 2018

Kamehameha

Kah may-hah may-hah

The first King of all Hawaii

Pali

Pah-lee

A mountain cliff on O'ahu where on May, 1795, King Kamehameha won a great battle, known as the Battle of Nu'uano, in the campaign to unify the Hawaiian islands.

Ho'o mali mali

Hoo-oo mah-lee mah-lee

Stunts / antics. In the early tourist days, the beach boys on Waikiki would high dive for coins.

Kane

Kah-nee

A Man

Wahaine

Wah-hee-nee

A woman

Poi

The primary Polnesian staple food made from the root of the taro plant.

Kealakekua

Kee-ah-lah-kee-koo-ah

A bay on the west coast of the island of Hawaii, known as the Kona coast, where Captain Cook was killed on 14 February 1779 while he was attempting to kidnap and ransom the King of Hawai'i, Kalani'ōpu'u, after having looted sacred wood surrounding a "Morai," a sacred burial ground for high-ranking Hawaiians.

Ho'o nau nau

Hoo-oo-now-now

A location on the west coast of Hawaii south of Kealakekua

Humu humu nuku nuku 'a pua 'a

Hoo-moo hoo-moo

noo-koo noo-koo ah pu-ah ah

Literally translated "triggerfish with snout of a pig" state fish of Hawai'i, common name: wedge-tail triggerfish.