

## Ha'awina Ho'olauna (Introductions)

A useful dialogue to learn is the language used when meeting someone for the first time. It is common to want to build relationships and find connections with new people that you meet. Common questions to ask are “What is your name?” and “Where are you from?” In Hawaiian, these questions would be phrased:

<b>‘O wai kou inoa?</b>	What is your name?
<b>No hea mai ‘oe?</b>	Where are you from?

The response to the question “**‘O wai kou inoa?**” is:

**‘O \_\_\_\_\_ ko‘u inoa**      My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

The literal translations of these two phrases are:

<b>‘O wai   kou inoa?</b>	<b>‘O _____   ko‘u inoa.</b>
Who   your name?	_____   my name.

Notice the difference between the word “**kou**” — “your” and “**ko‘u**” — “my.”

The phrase “**No hea mai ‘oe?**” means, “where are you from?”. The response to this question is:

**No \_\_\_\_\_ mai au.**      I’m from \_\_\_\_\_.

The literal translations of these two phrases are:

<b>No hea mai   ‘oe?</b>	<b>No _____ mai   au.</b>
From where   you?	From _____   I.

Notice the difference between the word “**‘oe**” — “you” and “**au**” — “I.”

When all these phrases are combined, the dialogue is as follows:

**Aloha!** (*Hello!*)

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**‘O wai kou inoa?** (*What’s your name?*)

**‘O Kalani ko‘u inoa.** (*My name is Kalani.)*)

**No hea mai ‘oe?** (*Where are you from?*)

**No Puna mai au.** (*I’m from Puna.)*)