

Nā Kāhulu

Kāhulu are words that are used to describe objects, for example, “the red ball,” “the pretty bird,” “the hot water.” In Hawaiian, **kāhulu** words come after the object they’re describing. The **kāhulu** is like a hulu, a feather, that flows behind the word to decorate it:

He lā <u>pa’ahana</u> .	A <u>busy</u> day.
He kula <u>maika’i</u> .	A <u>good</u> school.
Ka pua <u>melemele</u> .	The <u>yellow</u> flower.
Ke keiki <u>hau’oli</u> .	The <u>happy</u> child.

In the Pepeke ‘Aike “He,” the **kāhulu** is placed immediately after the object:

He hipopōkamu <u>mehameha</u> kēlā.	That is a <u>lonely</u> hippopotamus.
He ki’i’oni’oni <u>weliweli</u> kēia.	This is a <u>spooky</u> movie.
He pahu <u>kaumaha</u> kēnā.	That is a <u>heavy</u> box.

Nā Hua'ōlelo Kāhulu (*words used to describe things*)

ke akamai	intelligent, smart	ka pa'a	to be stuck and
ke anuanu	cold		immovable
ka ikaika	strong	ka pa'a hau	frozen (solid in ice)
ka u'i	beautiful, good looking	ka pa'ahana	busy
ka hau'oli	happy, fun	ka poepoe	round
ka hehe'e	melted	ka pōkole	short
ka hu'ihu'i	freezing	ka pulu	wet
ke kaumaha	heavy; sad	ka pupuka	ugly
ke kahakaha	striped	ka pu'upu'u	bumpy
ke kahiko	old, ancient	ka wela	hot
ke kāpulu	sloppy, poorly done	ka wīwī	skinny
ke kulikuli	noisy, deafening	ka 'a'ala	fragrant, good smelling
ka lahilahi	thin, delicate	ka 'olu'olu	comfortable, nice
ka lepo	dirty	ka 'ono	delicious, good-tasting
ka li'ili'i	small	ka 'ōpiopio	young
ka lō'ihī	long; tall		
ka maika'i	good, fine, goodness		
ka maka	to be green (not ripe); raw (not cooked)	<u>Nā Waiho'olu'u</u> (<i>colors</i>)	
ka mākaukau	proficient, very competent, good, skilled	ka uliuli	blue
ka malo'o	dry	ke ke'oke'o	white
ka mānoanoa	thick and heavy	ka māku'e	brown
ka ma'ema'e	to be clean	ka melemele	yellow
ka mehameha	lonely	ka poni	purple
ka momona	fat, sweet tasting	ka 'āhinahina	grey
ka nani	beautiful, beauty	ka 'ākala	pink
ka nāwaliwali	weak	ka 'ālani	orange
ka nui	large; important	ka 'ele'ele	black
ka pala	to be ripe	ka 'ōma'oma'o	green
ka pālahalaha	flat	ka 'ula'ula	red
ka palahū	to be overripe and soft		
ka palupalu	soft, not hard		