

## **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*)

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