HA'AWINA 'ÖLELO 'ÖIWI: LEARN HAWAIIAN

HO'OLAKO 'IA E HA'ALILIO SOLOMON - KAHA KI'I 'IA E PANNII YARBROUGH

THIS LESSON TEACHES HOW TO SHOW POSSESSION IN 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SHOW POSSESSION, K-POSSESSIVE AND K-LESS POSSESSIVE, BUT THIS ISSUE ONLY TEACHES K-POSSESSIVE. THERE ARE ALSO TWO CLASSES, USUALLY CALLED KINO-O AND KINO-A, BUT THIS ISSUE WILL FOCUS ON KINO-O POSSESSIONS. THE POSSESSIVE MARKER KO GOES BEFORE THE POSSESSOR(S), AND THE POSSESSION(S) FOLLOWS, AS IN THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

KO + POSSESSOR(S) + POSSESSION(S)



KO KE KANE WA'A = THE MAN'S CANOE

TO PLURALIZE THE POSSESSOR, THE DEFINITE ARTICLE KE/KA ("THE") BECOMES NA:



KO NA KANE WA'A = THE MEN'S CANOE

TO PLURALIZE THE POSSESSION, USE THE WORD MAU BEFORE IT:



KO NĀ KĀNE MAU WA'A = THE MEN'S CANOES

POSSESSION WITH PRONOUNS

THERE ARE THREE PRONOUNS THAT COMBINE WITH THE POSSESSIVE MARKER KO AND CHANGE FORM: WAU (I/ME), 'OE (YOU), AND IA (HE/SHE/IT). THESE COMBINE AS THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

KO + WAU = KO'UKO + IA = KONA

THESE ARE THE ONLY PRONOUNS THAT COMBINE WITH THE POSSESSIVE MARKER KO. ALL OTHER POSSESSORS REMAIN THE SAME.

E HO'I HOU MAI I KĒIA MAHINA A'E!