



THE MANY ISLANDS OF HAWAII

Although most young people agree¹ that the best place to have fun in Hawaii is in the capital city of Honolulu on the island of Oahu (where 80% of the population of the state lives), there are a lot of things to do on the Neighbor Islands too.

The natural beauty and natural resources of the Neighbor Islands make them popular spots² for young people. On the Big Island (the island of Hawaii), for example, you can go to a black-sand³ beach near the erupting⁴ Kilauea Volcano⁵, then go up to Maunakea to play in the snow, all on the same day. And Hapuna Beach was voted⁶ one of the world's ten best beaches. The Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is also located on the Big Island and is a great place for hiking.

Moloka'i is one of the islands near Oahu where young people can enjoy themselves without getting held up in traffic. In fact, there is only one road on this island; there are no traffic lights and very few cars. People hang out around the few nightclubs and restaurants or around their cars. House parties are popular on Moloka'i. And Papohaku Beach is thought to be the world's longest beach.

On another Neighbor Island, Maui, you can enjoy long white-sand beaches and sometimes hear whales singing underwater. There are many good surfing and windsurfing beaches on Maui too. Mauians like to say, "Maui No Ka Oi" or "Maui's the best."

Although the rest of the islanders don't have an expression like the people on Maui to show how proud⁷ they are of their islands, the same feeling definitely exists. And you can have a lot of fun by visiting the Neighbor Islands of Hawaii.

Glossary:

¹**to agree** — to have the same opinion.

²**spot** — place.

³**sand** — very small pieces of rock which form beaches.

⁴**to erupt** — to explode.

⁵**volcano** — a mountain with a large hole at the top through which lava (hot liquid rock) erupts.

⁶**to vote** — In this text, to choose.

⁷**proud** — thinking well of oneself or something.