Hawaii

1. Brush up your Vocabulary

A/ Discovering Hawaii:
- Hawaii is the 40th State in the U S. It is often called “The Aloha State”.
- Aloha is the Hawaiian greeting word for “Hello” or “Goodbye”
- Hawaii is the largest of the eight islands forming the state but the capital Honolulu is located on Oahu Island.
- A strong volcanic activity has created beautiful landscapes
- Visitors are offered flower necklaces called “lei” as friendly welcome or parting gifts.

B/ Fun at the beach:
- Weather conditions in Hawaii are very pleasant.
- But it can be very hot in the summer and it can also be cool in the mountains in winter.
- The fauna and flora are quite exotic and Hawaiian sea-turtles are an attraction on the beaches.
- You can enjoy many sports on or in the ocean: wind-surfing (planche à voile), scuba diving (plongée avec bouteilles), swimming and snorkeling (plongée avec masque et tuba).
- But many people come to Hawaii to go surfing
- You must be careful and protect yourself from the sun, or you will get sunburnt.

Your turn!

Find the synonyms!

1. a sandy shore = a ................
2. the weather conditions = the ................
3. all the animals on the islands = the Hawaiian ...........
4. an ejection of lava = a ................ ............
5. the effect of too much sun on your skin = a ............
2. Train and test your Listening Comprehension

Vous allez entendre 10 questions. Trois propositions de réponses par question vous sont données sur la fiche, une seule étant correcte.

Ecoutez attentivement chaque question, lisez les réponses proposées et entourez rapidement celle (a, b ou c) qui vous semble juste. Vous trouverez les solutions ainsi que le script des questions elles-mêmes à la fin de la fiche.

1. ???
   a. Yes, and they stayed in a nice bungalow near Dallas.
   b. No, they’ve already been there.
   c. Yes and they stayed one week in Honolulu.

2. ???
   a. Yes, they went in Winter.
   b. No, they didn’t and they regretted it!
   c. No, but the ocean was quite cold

3. ???
   a. It is composed of large volcanic islands
   b. There are eight main islands
   c. The islands were created by the lava erupting from three volcanoes

4. ???
   a. It is a flower
   b. it is a present.
   c. it is made of flowers

5. ???
   a. yes, snorkeling is her favourite sport
   b. yes, he’s very good at scuba-diving.
   c. yes, she’s a real champion

6. ???
   a. because they like danger
   b. On the south-west coast
   c. The waves are really big in winter

7. ???
   a. It is only half a mile from the beach
   b. yes, it is near the post-office
   c. No, it is not very far from the beach
8. ???
   a. Yes, she loves swimming in the morning
   b. No, she only does on Sunday evenings
   c. No, she never goes swimming with her friend

9. ???
   a. No, I wasn’t, I like turtles
   b. Nobody was: turtles are nice animals
   c. Four people in the group took photos of the turtles

10. ???
    a. No, because they want a nice suntan
    b. Because it is fashionable
    c. To protect themselves from the sun
3. Train and test your Reading Comprehension

Cet extrait d’un guide de voyage présente quelques aspects singuliers de l’Etat d’Hawaii. Lisez-le et retrouvez les mots manquants en vous aidant du contexte (les groupes de pointillés indiquent le nombre de mots) :

THE ALOHA STATE

1. An archipelago ..........some 2,000 mi (3,200 km) southwest of the .......... mainland , Hawaii is the .......... isolated population center on earth: 2,390 miles from California, 3,850 miles from Japan, 4,900 miles from China and 5,280 miles from the Philippines.

2. From east to west, Hawaii is the widest ...... in the Union. And it is the only U S state that is completely ............... ... by water , does not have a straight line in its ..... boundary , ...... .... geographically located in North America , has a royal palace and .......... coffee !

3. All of the Hawaiian islands were formed by .......... erupting from the sea ...... and they are actually the projecting .......... of the largest .......... range in the ............... Hawaii’s tallest mountain Mauna Kea stands at 4,205 m above sea-level, but it is about 10,200 m ..........(and taller than Mount Everest) if measured from its base, that is from the floor of the ............... Ocean .

4. .......... of the islands’ volcanic formation, native life before human activity is said to .......... .......... brought there by the "3 W's": wind (pollen, seeds carried through the air), waves (brought by ocean currents), and wings ( .........., insects, and whatever they brought with them).

5. The total resident .......... of Hawaii is 1.2 million,.. One unique aspect of Hawaii’s demography is that no ethnic group makes up the .......... of the state’s population : for example, Hawaii is one of only four states in which non-Hispanic whites do not form a majority, and it has the .......... percentage of Asian Americans and the largest percentage of persons of mixed .......... , who .......... some 20% of the total population.

6. Renowned for .......... spectacular natural beauty, and their year-round sunny .......... , the Hawaiian .......... are also famous for the gentle "aloha spirit" of their ..........
Vocabulary:
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Listening Comprehension:
Un point important à retenir est que vous ne répondez pas à une WH-question (= introduite par Where, When, Why, How, etc…) par Yes ou No

1. Have Sandra’s parents ever been to Hawaii?
   c. Yes and they stayed one week in Honolulu. (Dallas est au Texas)

2. Did they see a volcano erupt?
   b. No, they didn’t and they regretted it!

3. How many islands is the “Aloha State” composed of?
   b. There are eight main islands

4. What is a lei made of?
   c. It is made of flowers

5. Is Ms Brown good at scuba-diving?
   c. Yes, she’s a real champion (dans la proposition précédente, le sujet est masculin)

6. Where can surfers enjoy riding the biggest waves?
   b. On the south-west coast

7. How far is the hotel from the beach?
   a. It is only half a mile from the beach

8. Does her friend always go swimming at sunset?
   b. No, she only does on Sunday evenings

9. Who was scared by the giant sea-turtles?
   b. Nobody was: turtles are nice animals

10. Why must people wear a hat and sunglasses on the beach?
    c. To protect themselves from the sun
Reading Comprehension:

1. An archipelago situated/ located some 2,000 mi (3,200 km) southwest of the North American mainland, Hawaii is the most isolated population center on earth: 2,390 miles from California, 3,850 miles from Japan, 4,900 miles from China and 5,280 miles from the Philippines.

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6. Renowned for their spectacular natural beauty, and their year-round sunny climate, the Hawaiian islands are also famous for the gentle "aloha spirit" of their inhabitants/ residents.