

## GLOSSARY

The following words are non-English terms. Non-English is here defined as any lexical item not found in Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary (Springfield, Mass.: Merriam Webster Inc., 1986).

The letter in parentheses after each word indicates its language family:

H - Hawaiian  
V - Visayan

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One definition, not found in standard references, was provided by interviewees. The definition is asterisked (\*).

The following definitions apply to the lexical items as they appear in the context of the transcripts.

akamai (H) smart, clever, expert

bibingka (V) rice cakes

'Ewa (H) place name west of Honolulu, used as a direction term

hālau (H) long house as for hula instruction; meeting house; school

hānai (H) foster child, adopted child; foster, adopted

Haole (H) White person, Caucasian

kama'aina (H) native-born, one born in a place

kūlolo (H) pudding made of baked or steamed grated taro and coconut cream

'ohana (H) family; relative; kin group

pōpolo (H) black nightshade, a weed valued for medicine and used in ceremonies by Hawaiians; a derogatory term for African American\*

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