

- nie.nie.** vs. Sheer and smooth, as a cliff. *Ka pi'ina nienie o Ha'aeo*, the sheer ascent of Ha'aeo.
- nie.niele.** Redup. of *nīele*; to investigate.
- niha.** Same as *kamaniha*, cross.
- niha.niha.** Redup. of *niha*.
- nī.heu.** n. Fancy or unusual style of hair dressing.
- nīhi.** 1. nvs. Edge, brink, rim, border; sideways, on edge, steep. Also *lihi*. Cf. *kūnihi*. (PPN *nifi*.) 2. vs. Stealthily, quietly, softly, unobtrusively, carefully; creeping silently and softly, as on tiptoe; difficult or precarious of passage, as a trail along a precipice; circumspect, prudent, with careful observance of taboos, with discrimination. *Hele nihi*, to proceed with caution and diplomacy. *Noho nihi*, to act with caution, diplomacy. *E nihi ka hele i ka uka o Puna, mai 'ako i ka pua, o lilo i ke ala o ka hewahewa* (PH 31), circumspect (or prescribed) the voyage inland of Puna, do not pick flowers or be led to the paths of wrongness. (PCP *nifi*.)
- nīhia.** Pas/imp. of *nīhi* 2.
- nīhina.** Same as *nīhi* 1, 2. *Nīhina ka hele a ka makani*, the wind goes quietly.
- nīhi.nīhi.** Redup. of *nīhi* 1, 2; fastidious, overly strict, finicky, decorous, dainty. Also *lihilihi*. See ex., *noho lihilihi*. *Lā nīhinihi*, very severe taboo day. **ho'o.nīhi.-nīhi.** Caus/sim. 'Ai ho'onihinihi, to pick at food, as a finicky person; to eat with careful observance of taboos.
- nīhi.pali.** n. A kind of fish (no data).
- nīho.** 1. nvs. Tooth; toothed; nipper, as of an insect; octopus beak; Aristotle's lantern, of a sea urchin; claw, as of crab; tusk; stones set interlocking, as in a wall; biting, of the teeth; cog. See *nīho-manō*. *Mai hana wale aku 'oe iā Ke'oi, he nīho*, don't act indiscriminately toward Ke'oi, he has teeth! [He is dangerous, as in sorcery.] *Nā nīho o kāna pale kaua* (Ioba 15.26), the bosses of his bucklers. *Puka ka nīho o La'a-kea*, La'a-kea is getting his teeth. *Ho'onoho nīho 'ia*, the stones are set [as in a fence]. **ho'o.nīho.** To lay stones interlocking; to set stones, as in a fence. (PPN *nifo*.) 2. n. Tapa or mat patterns, always followed by qualifiers; see below.
- nīhoa.** 1. Pas/imp. of *nīho*; toothed, serrated, notched, jagged, sharp; firmly imbedded and interlocked, as stones in a fence. *Nīhoa ka pali*, toothed is the cliff. 2. (Cap.) n. Name of an island between Kaua'i and Midway. See saying, *pākū*.
- nīho 'aki.** n. Front teeth, incisors; nippers of insects. *Lit.*, biting teeth.
- nīho 'awa.** n. Poisonous fang or tooth, as of a centipede.
- nīho 'ele.pani.** n. Elephant tusk, ivory (Hoik. 18.12).
- nīho ho'o.komo.** n. False tooth. Also *nīho ku'i*.
- nīho hu'i.** nvs. Toothache; having a toothache.
- nīho kahi.** nvs. Single-toothed, having one tooth remaining; a general term for old age.
- nīho ka'i.** n. 1. Aching tooth or teeth. *Lit.*, leading tooth, i.e., it draws the attention. 2. Stones set in a row, as in a fence.
- nīho kēu.** n. Protruding, uneven tooth. *Lit.*, extra tooth.
- nīho kī.lou.** n. Claws of a crab. *Lit.*, hook tooth.
- nīho.kō.maka.** n. A kind of fish (no data).
- nīho ku'i.** n. False tooth. Also *nīho ho'okomo*.
- nīho lēna.** nvs. Yellow tooth; yellow-toothed, said derivatively of the old.
- nīho-li'i.li'i.** n. A tapa design. *Lit.*, small teeth or notches.
- nīho-manō.** n. A tapa design. *Lit.*, shark tooth.
- nīho mau.ole.** n. Worn teeth, a figurative term for a chief who has outlived his usefulness. (Malo 201, Emerson note.) A class of chiefs. (AP.)
- nīho mole.** nvs. Gap in a row or series, as left by a missing tooth; notch; worn smooth, as teeth of a saw. *He i'a lapuwale, he pāpa'i nīho mole* (hula song), a worthless sea creature, a crab with missing claw.
- nīho nauē.** n. Loose tooth.
- nīho.nīho.** nvs. Set with teeth, as a saw; toothed, notched, jagged, serrated; scalloped, as lace; scalloped, as potatoes; scallops, notches. Cf. *huila nīhoniho*.
- ho'o.nīho.nīho.** To make into a toothed, scalloped, notched design; to make teeth; to carve an irregular notched edge. (PPN *nifonifo*.)
- nīho 'oki.** n. Shark's-tooth knife, as used for wood carving and cutting hair. *Lit.*, cutting tooth.
- nīho palaoa.** n. Whale tooth, whale-tooth pendant, a symbol of royalty.
- nīho pēku.** n. New tooth appearing in the gums; bud shooting from the ground (Malo 199).
- nīho pō.haku.** n. Interlocking stones (see *nīho*). *Pau i ka nōhāhā nā nīho pōhaku i pani 'ia* (For. 5:513), the interlocking stones that had dammed [the stream] were torn apart.
- nīho.popo.** n. A variety of sweet potato.
- nīho popo.** n. Decayed tooth.
- nīho pua'a.** n. Pig tusk, especially that worn as an ornament. *Fig.* young 'awa sprout.
- nīho.pu'u.** n. A taro cultivar. (TC 4.)
- nīho pu'u.** n. Buckteeth.
- nīho-wili-hemo.** n. Design on Ni'ihau mats consisting of a series of pointed notches, called *kulipu'u* elsewhere. *Lit.*, twisting loose tooth.
- nī'i.** vs. Salt-encrusted, as one exposed to sun and sea. Cf. *uāni'i*.
- Ni'ihau.** n. 1. Name of one of the Hawaiian Islands; an inhabitant of Ni'ihau Island. See saying, *kīkū*. 2. (Not cap.) A variety of *uhi*, yam.
- nika.** 1. nvs. Nigger, black, blackness, blackened; a term of derision for a marble player who misses a shot. *Eng.* See ex., *kūloku*. *Keaka nika*, minstrel show. 2. Same as *māikoiko*, a variety of sugar cane. 3. n. A variety of sweet potato; sometimes qualified by the terms 'ele'ele, ke'oke'o, nui. Also *pā'ele*.
- nike.lake, niterate.** n. Nitrate. *Eng.*
- niki.** 1. Var. of 'iniki, to pinch. 2. Same as *nīki'i*.
- nī.ki'i.** vt. To tie, as a rope or knot (For. 4:259). Also *hīki'i, hīki'iki'i, māki'i, māki'iki'i, nāki'i, nāki'iki'i, niki, nikiniki*.
- nī.ki'i.ki'i.** Redup. of *nīki'i*, to tie.
- Nī.kine.** n. Nicene. *Eng.* See ex., *mana'o'i'o*.
- niki.niki.** 1. Redup. of *niki* 1, 2. 2. n. Membrane binding the intestines, peritoneum. Cf. *maka 'upena*. *He mōhai i kaumaha 'ia ma ke ahi iā Iēhowa, ka maka 'upena e uhi ana ka na'au, a me ka nikiniki apau ma ka na'au* (Oihk. 3.3), an offering made by fire to Jehovah, the fat that covers the intestines, and all the membrane with the intestines.
- niki o nā 'aka.** n. Jester, clown; clowning.
- niki.pa'u.** vs. Wilted, scorched, as with heat. *Rare*.
- niku.** 1. vs. Dirty, smelly, filthy. **ho'o.niku.** To soil, make dirty. *He keu 'oe a ke keiki ho'oniku 'a'ahu*, never was a child like you for getting clothes dirty and smelly. 2. Also *nisu*. n. Hawk. (Oihk. 11.16.)
- niku.niku.** Redup. of *niku* 1.
- nīlea.** Same as *nīnole*.
- nīle.kai, nīlegai.** n. Nilgai, antelope. *Eng.*
- nilu.** nvs. Admirable, fine. *He nilu ke 'ikena aku*, admirable to behold.
- nina.** 1. Same as *lina* 1. *Waha nina*, soft mouth [said of a finicky eater]. 2. n. A variety of taro. (HP 33.)
- nina.nina.** Redup. of *nina* 1.
- nina.ninau.** Redup. of *nīnau*; to examine.
- nī.nau.** nvt. Question; to ask a question, inquire, interrogate; interrogation, query. Cf. *noi*, to ask for something. *He nīnau wāhi pūniu*, a question that cracks the skull [a difficult question]. **ho'o.nī.nau.** To ask a question; to have questions asked; to ask indirectly.
- nī.nau.ole.** Same as *nīele*. *Rare*.
- nī.nau ho'i.** n. Cross-examination, as of a witness. *Lit.*, return question.
- nī.nau hō.'ike.** n. Interrogation, usually oral; quiz, examination; catechism. *Lit.*, revealing questions.
- nī.nau kupa.pa'u.** n. One who consults the dead or familiar spirits (Isa. 8.19); necromancer. *Lit.*, corpse question.