

Palm Spots

Mike compares America's two tropical states of Hawaii and Florida.

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Hawaii, but in Hawaii there's a lot of Asian influence so you can get really good Japanese food or Thai food, but also traditional Polynesian food as well.

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Comprehension Page

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| a) Really healthy choices | a) Florida |
| b) Lots of international foods | b) Hawaii |
| c) Really big servings | c) Neither place |
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Phrase Match: Match the phrases on the left with the example on the right.

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Discussion: Can you remember how Mari answered the above questions?

Summary



The Weather



The Food



The Shopping



The Nightlife

Bits and Pieces

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(Some will be used more than once)

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