



Detective Polly Paddington was always looking for a mystery to solve. Since winter was coming, she decided to travel across the tropical islands. Her first visit was to Hawaii. She planned to visit the North Shore and watch all the surfing competitions.

She woke up the next morning in her hotel room on the island of Oahu. She quickly ate breakfast and took the local tour bus to the North Shore to see the competition of surfing. Surfers come from all over the world to compete for the prize of the top surfer. The waves get over 20 feet high.

When Polly arrived she walked down to the beach to see the competitors inspecting their surfboards and leash for damage. Next, they applied surf wax on the board to protect the board. A whistle blew and the announcer provided everyone with a starting number. This was the final day of the competition so there were only four remaining people to surf.

The stakes were high, the winner will receive \$55,000 and a years supply of surfing gear.

The first person to enter the water was Blaine from Australia. He paddled his surfboard out past the waves and stands up on the board to take the first big wave. He rides through the wave and slides into the shore.

"A near perfect score of 96", says the announcer.

Next up is Kelly from California. She glides on the next wave and gives a solid performance but her landing is a little off balance.

"A score of 90 for Kelly from California", says the announcer.

Tara steps up to the starting point and acts a little nervous but she shakes it off. She had almost won the competition last year but lost by 2 points. She runs towards the water and jumps up quickly on her board. She catches the wave and glides in smoothly.

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"The last person to surf today for the competition is the person that took the title last year. Will he win again? Let's hear it for our local guy from Hawaii, Palu. [Pa-lou]."

The crowd roars and he turns and waves. He makes a dash for the water and paddles out quickly to catch the wave. A large wave comes his way and he jumps up on his board. As he stands his feet slide to the left and he tries to keep his balance. He adjusts his footing and he slides forward on the board, towards the end of the wave riding his surfboard on his stomach. As the wave ends, he tries to get back on the board and falls off near the shore hitting his head with the surfboard. He pulls his surfboard to the shore in disappointment. The medic team runs to assist him. As they are looking at his injury, Polly makes her way through the crowd.

“Hi Palu, my name is Polly and I want to let you know that your slip up on the surfboard was not an accident. I am a detective and I plan on solving this mystery.” says Polly.

Palu reached his hand out and says, “Mahalo, [thank you] if you can help me out that would be great.”

Polly glanced over to the station where they were waxing the surfboards and said, “ I have a good idea what happened!”

Polly whipped out her detective notebook and started taking notes. Excuse me announcer, I am going to need this area secured and you may want to call the police.

She glanced over at the surfing wax containers on the table and said, “Ah Hah! I am going to need someone to help me bag up all the opened wax containers used by the surfers today, it is evidence!”

Polly runs over to Palu and said, “ Palu, after I run a few fingerprints and compare them to the containers and I will know who made your surfboard slippery.

Back at the police station, all the competitors were brought in and fingerprinted. Polly placed her gloves on her hand and opened all the containers. There seemed to be an oily substance in Palu’s that was not in the other wax containers. She carefully dusted the container for fingerprints and noticed there were two sets. One belonged to Palu’s and the other to one of the people that were fingerprinted today.

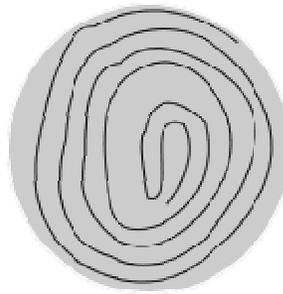
Do you know who placed the oil substance on Palu’s surfboard?

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Kelly's Fingerprint

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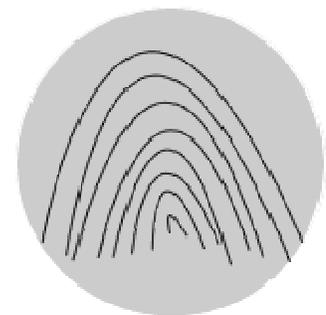
Palu's Fingerprint

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Tara's Fingerprint

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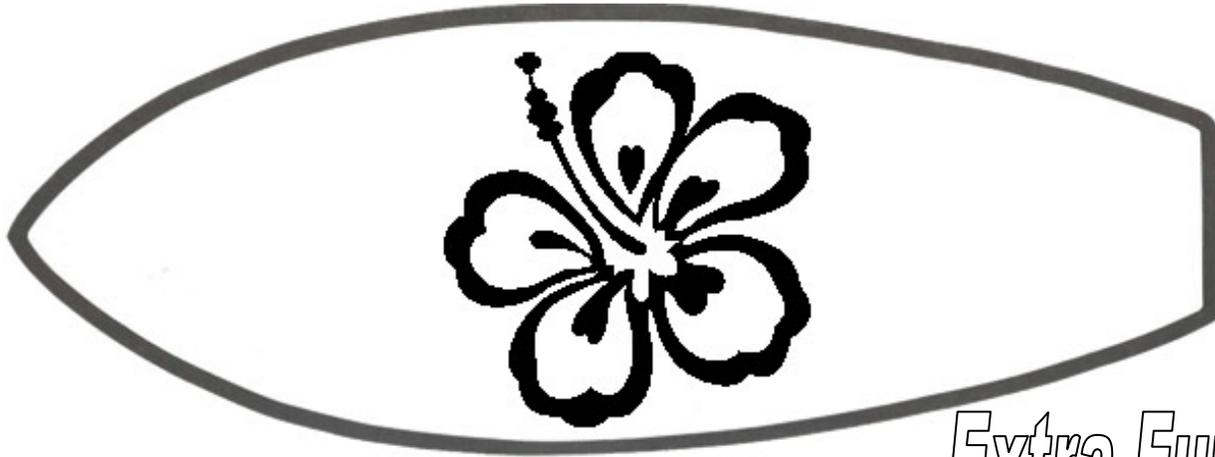


Blaine's Fingerprint



Cut out the fingerprint cards and surf wax. Have the participants identify the fingerprints on the surf wax. Who's fingerprint is on there not counting the owner Palu?

Surfboard Bookmark : Color the bookmark with the markers. Cut out the surfboard and place it in your book to keep your place when you are reading.



Extra Fun: Craft:

