

- a¹** (< PPN *'a) [*personal pronoun and proper name marker*] a marker appearing optionally: (1) before sentence initial pronouns and personal names, and (2) after transitive verbs; and occurring obligatorily after the prepositions *i* and *ki*. *A Sina ni tautali i a Puna*, 'Sina followed Puna'.
- a²** [*preposition, marking 'a' class alienable possession*] of, belonging to. *te kapu a Sina*, 'the cup of Sina'; *te tama a Puna*, 'the (genetic) child of Puna'. See also: *o²*.
- a laa** [*nq, preceding noun, plural*] other, some other. *I te puina, maatou ni nnoho i Muli Akau ia, a laa tama ni nnoho i Hale*, 'during the *puina*, we stayed at the outer islands, the other people stayed on the main island'. See also: *laa⁵*.
- aa** [*interrogative pronoun*] what?. *aa* replaces nouns and verbs in interrogative statements. *Te aa ku tele?*, 'what is running?'; *te vaka ku aa?*, 'what is the ship doing?' or, 'what is happening about the ship?'; *ee aa?*, 'what is going on?' or, 'what are you up to?'; *a koe ku aa?*, 'how are you feeling?' or, 'what are you doing at this specific moment?'; *koe e noho ki aa?*, 'you are staying for what purpose?'.
- aa ko** [*exclamation, short for heaa ko*] what else?, how else?, what is your explanation?. Appears most frequently after an explanation of a situation and the speaker wants the listener to admit the explanation is obvious or forward an alternative explanation.
- aha** [*na*] the shell tool used for measuring the spaces between mesh in nets (*seu manu, kupena*). See also: *atumata, kalemata, tia¹*.
- ahaa** (< PPN *afaa) [*n*] a cyclone, a tidal wave.
- aaha** 1. [*vt*] to open up, to push apart, as in pushing apart branches in order to look through. 2. [*vt*] to open up a new settlement or start a new garden. 3. [*vt*] to start, to begin a new project or way of life. *Tapa mai a koe ko hano i mua ki aaha te ala o te taina*, 'you called upon me to go first (to school) to open the way for my brother (MS)'. Passive: *ahania*.
- ahali** [*nf*] a fish species, surgeon fish species.
- ahana** [*np*] the path in front of the lineage houses (*hale henua*). Traditionally, no house building or living was allowed in these paths. (PCR)