



Do you know what is an Ukelele?

Ukelele is the most popular instrument in Hawaii. It is similar to a guitar. One of the most important differences is the size. The guitar is bigger than the Ukelele.

Other principal difference is the number of strings, Ukelele has got 4 strings and the guitar has got 6 strings.

Lot of people associated the Ukelele with Hawaii.

Now, of course, it is really popular in Hawaii but the real story is that the Ukelele came from Portugal. And its name was "machete".

It was in 1897 when 419 Portuguese immigrants from Madeira arrived to Hawaii. They went to Hawaii to work in sugar cane and pineapple fields.

To celebrate the long trip, four months by boat from Portugal to Hawaii, they started playing the "machete". The Hawaiians called the instrument Ukelele.

Hawaiians loved the musical instrument and quickly started to be part of Hawaiian Culture. One of the reasons was that the King Kalakaua loved the instrument.

In the 20th Century Ukelele started to be very popular. Today is directly related to the Hawaiian culture.

Answer the questions. Use long sentences.

What is an ukelele?

What are the differences between a guitar and a ukele?

Where were the Ukelele come from?

Who brought the Ukelele to Hawaii??

Why did Portuguese go to Hawaii?

Where is Hawaii? What is its capital city?

What is the typical dance in Hawaii?

