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# Tatau

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How was Tatau introduced to Samoa?

- Retell the story
- Where is it believed to have come from?

Tatau was introduced to Samoa for many years. It started with 2 girls that are conjoined twins. 1 of the twins is the goddess of canoeing and the other one is the goddess of swimming. 1 day they sawm from Savai'i to Fiji the twins quickly reached their destination because they have mastered the ocean, while they were in Fiji they learned the art of tattooing and given some tools while there at it the women lead a song to know who should be tattooed. Soon it was time to leave on their way they saw something shiny and wanting to touch it but as soon as they touched it they got seasick and confused and suddenly forgot the song. As their back to the village they sang the song but i was mixed up. For many years only men were tattooed while many Samoan women are proudly receive the Tatau.

<u>Samoan</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Te Reo Māori</u>
Tufuga tā masini	Electric tattoo artist	Toi moko hiko
Tatau	Tattoo	moko
Tālofa	hello	Kia ora
pe'a	Male tattoo	Moko tane
malu	Female tattoo	Moko mahine
Tufuga tā tatau	Master tattooist	Tohunga moko
'au	Tattooing tool made from wood.	
masini	Maschine	miihini
tuālima	Hand tattoo	