

THE MAKING OF *LOST*

Lost is a hugely successful show. The actors, writers, directors and producers all play a big part in its success. But what about the location and the people who work behind the scenes?

→ THE LOCATION

Most of *Lost* was filmed in Hawaii on the island of Oahu, in the Pacific Ocean. Oahu had almost everything the programme needed: forests, beautiful beaches, fish, fruit trees and wild animals. But there were some problems, too:

- The place where the plane crashes is a popular beach called Mokuleia. It has a narrow road going through it. The film company had to cover the road with sand and stop any traffic while they were filming.
- A group of people also lived on the beach. It was difficult moving them and some of them stayed in the film company's camp.
- Sudden rainstorms also made filming difficult.

But Mokuleia is a beautiful place. One of the producers, Sarah Calpan, said, 'We had three weeks of filming at the beach and it was fantastic.'



Mokuleia beach



Filming on the beach



Working in the rain

→ THE CREW

The crew are the people who work for the directors and the producers behind the scenes. They include the people who work the sound, lighting and cameras and the make-up artists.



A make-up artist at work



A cameraman

The crew worked really hard to make everything in the show look good and seem real. For example, the make-up artists make the actors look beautiful or handsome – or like they have bad injuries!

→ THE SPECIAL EFFECTS

A team of special effects people also worked hard to make scenes of mystery and danger even more real. They used computers to add digital images after filming. For example, many of the explosions were added by special effects artists. And green screens are often used in scenes that are too dangerous to film for real.

These pictures show Hurley crossing the rope bridge with the green screen background, and then with the digital image background.



What do these words mean?

You can use a dictionary.

location scene crew
special effects digital image

Would you like to work in TV or films?

Which film or TV show would you like to work on? What job would you like to do behind the scenes?