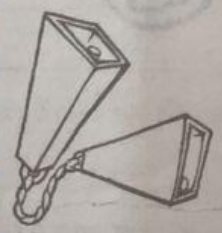
Our Bahamian way of life

Junkanoo – dancing through the streets in colourful costumes

In The Bahamas, we have our own way of life. Two ways are **entertainment** and our **Junkanoo**. There are **two** major Junkanoo parades in Nassau each year. The first is on **Boxing Day,** and the second is on **New Years Day**. Parades are held in the other Family Islands. In Grand Bahamas, there is one major parade, which is on New Year's Day. In addition, there is the Junior Junkanoo parade that is in December in New Providence and in different months in the Family Islands.

The important materials in making the Junkanoo costumes are **cardboard, crepe paper, glue** and **wire.** The instruments in Junkanoo are **goatskin drums, horns, conch shells, cowbells** and **whistles.** There are dancers in the parade.

In The Bahamas, we say some things in certain ways. Our way of **talking** is another part of our way of life. This is our **dialect**. Every island has its own way of speaking, and its own tales and beliefs. We also have to learn **English** and to speak it well. This will help us to understand people from many places in the world. It will also make tourists understand us.



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