



## Hundreds of Islands

### Vocabulary Words

**Archipelago:** a large group or chain of islands and cays.

**Bluffs:** A high land mass that is apart of the land, but juts into the sea.

**Sounds:** A sound is a narrow body of shallow water connecting a mainland and an island.

**Salinas:** a narrow body of deep water between a mainland and an island.

**Creeks:** a narrow body of water that run inland from the ocean.

**Flats:** an area of shallow, muddy water, usually around mangroves.

The Bahamas is an archipelago – a group of over 700 islands and cays lying close to one another. The islands stretch in a northwesterly to southeasterly direction.

Since the Bahamian islands cover such a large area, there may be different kinds of weather occurring in different parts of the country at the same time.

Weather forecasters divide the country into three groups of islands. They are Northwestern, Central and Southeastern Bahamas.

North -western	Central	South-eastern
Grand Bahama	Cat Island	Crooked Island
Abaco	Exuma	Acklins
Bimini	Long Island	Mayaguana
Andros	Long Island	Inagua
New Providence	Rum Cay	Ragged Island
Eleuthera		
Berry Islands		

In The Bahamas there are seventeen inhabited islands. Ten of these are major islands. The major islands are those with most of the country's population. These islands also produce most of our products.

Each island has distinct features.

Major Islands	Main Towns	Products	Places of Interest
Abaco	Cooper's Town Marsh Harbor Sandy Point	Boat Building Fish Vegetables Neem Poultry	Treasure cay Hope town Man of War Cay Green Turtle Cay
Acklins	Spring Point	Cascarilla bark	Castle Island lighthouse
Andros	Nicholl's town Fresh Creek Kemps Bay	Vegetables Citrus fruits Water Manufactured goods	Androsia factory Blue Holes
Cat Island	Arthur's Town New Bight Port Howe	Vegetables	Caves Mt. Alvernia (Como Hill) the highest point in The Bahamas. Stands 206ft above sea level.
Eleuthera and Spanish Wells	Spanish Wells Dunmore Town Governor's Harbor Rock Sound	Pineapples Vegetables Citrus Fruits Fish	Glass Window Bridge Preachers Cave
Exuma	George Town	Onions	Elizabeth Harbor National land and Sea Park Plantation ruins

Grand Bahama	West End Eight Mile Rock Freeport (City)	Medicines Refined oil	Garden of the Groves Lucayan National Park
The Inaguas	Matthew Town	Salt Cascarilla bark	Morton's Salt company National Park
Long Island	Deadmans Cay Clarence Town Stella Maris	Cattle Fish Citrus Fruits	Dean's Hole Caves Columbus monument
New Providence	Nassau	Alcoholic beverages Livestock	The Forts Queen's Staircase Straw market Water tower