

ABACO

Abaco is the **second largest** island of The Bahamas. Abaco is divided into **two parts**, **Little Abaco** and **Great Abaco**. Abaco has many small cays. The main settlements on Abaco are **Hope Town** and **Marsh Harbour**. It is famous for **boat building**. Boats were built there for over **200 years**. Some parts of a boat are the **boom**, **rudder**, **mast**, and **sail**.

The local wood from Abaco, the **Mahogany**, **dogwood**, **horseflesh** and **corkwood** are the trees used in boat building. The **felled**, a corkwood tree near Hope Town is used to make the frame of the sloops. The **crooks** of the tree will give extra strength to the sloop. For the **planking**, the pineboard imported from Canada is used.

The **seams** will be seal with cotton before the boats are painted. Other workers make the **mast**, a **boom**, a **rudder**, and a **sail**. The sloops are almost ready for the regatta. Other types of boats are built such as the **smacks**, **dinghies**, and large cargo **schooners**.

Boat building is a long tradition by the Lowe family of Abaco. The Lowes learns to build boats from their grandfathers. They do other things to provide for their families.

The people of Abaco also do a lot of **fishing**.

Sometimes they go to sea and fish. They use net and wire pots. The Lowes like other people on Family Islands worries that there are fewer fish in the sea nowadays. They always obey the fishing laws.

The Lowes are also **farmers**. Some crops that grow on Abaco are limes, oranges, and grapefruit. Vegetables also grow on the island. These are grown on a **plot**. The food is for their family. Any surplus is taken to the mailboat which carries it to Potters Cay in Nassau where it is sold. The money they get goes to buy fertilizer and things for the family.



1. Choose two main settlements on Abaco.

Marsh Harbour

Flamingo Gardens

Hope Town

Bimini

2. Abaco is most famous for _____. Choose one (1)

a. fishing

b. boat building

c. farming

3. Name the four trees used in boat building.

4. Name TWO other boats other than the sailing sloops.

5. Name four (4) parts of a boat made on Abaco.

6. Choose two crops grown on Abaco.