Who is my Neighbour?



Traditionally, we have been taught that our neighbour is the person living next door or the people living in our neighbourhood. These are the people that we help if they are in need. They may borrow a cup of flour or sugar. They may lend some grits or a can of cream. If parents are working late or have somewhere to go, neighbours may sometimes keep the children until they return. These are all things that neighbours do for each other.

We can also think of our neighbours as the countries that are close to our own. The Bahamas has many neighbouring countries. Some of our closest neighbours are North America, Haiti, Cuba, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. People from these countries and others come to The Bahamas for many different reasons. Many of them come because of problems in their countries. Others come seeking better jobs. They sometimes work in our banks, other businesses, schools, and in our homes. Out of the many cultures, friendships develop, people, marry, and working relationships are formed. The Bahamas is a peaceful nation, and most of its residents co-operate with and respect each other. God has blessed the people of The Bahamas with so we must be considerate and share some of what we have with others.

People from different countries, living in The Bahamas, form groups. One group in the Hummingbirds, which is Jamaicans living in The Bahamas. These groups provide support for people who are away from their native homeland. They assist people from their countries who are in need. They also have social events that celebrate their country's culture.

Bahamians take part in many events that highlight the culture of neighbouring countries. On 4 July, the Independence holiday of the United States of America, Bahamians take part in celebrations at the residents of the United States Ambassador to The Bahamas. In October of each year, an International Cultural Weekend is held. During this time Bahamians experience the food, music, dance, and culture of at least 50 different countries. It has become an annual event that Bahamians look forward to.

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1. Is my neighbour, just the person, living next door to me? Write yes or no. _____

2. Explain your answer stating why.

A. It also includes the countries that are far away from us.

B. It also includes the countries that are close to our own

C. It also includes the countries that are similar to our own

3. Which statement is NOT why some people from different nationalities come to The Bahamas to live?

A. They come for fun

B. Problems in their countries.

C. Seeking better jobs.

D. They work in banks, businesses, schools, and in our homes.

4. What are the benefits of having them come to live in our own country? Choose TWO benefits.

A. We participate in church events.

B. We get assistance in our home, business, and education.

C. We participate in cultural events.

D. We get assistance yard**.**

5. Choose TWO ways some foreigners in The Bahamas lend neighbourly support to their fellow countrymen?

A. They provide cleaning to fellow countrymen.

B. They assist countrymen who are not sick.

C. They provide support to fellow countrymen.

D. They assist countrymen who are in need.

6. Write the word in paragraph 4 means '***each year***'? _____

7. Write True or False for the statements below.

Our neighbours sometimes lend some grits and sugar. _____

Our neighbours work and give us money. _____

8. Choose the answer to complete the effect for the cause.

God has blessed The Bahamas with a lot so we must share

A. some of what we have. B. None of what we have.

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