

GRAMMAR AND USAGE 2014

SECTION 1

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following passage carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.

Arawak Cay – “Fish Fry”

You won't find much written about Arawak Cay in books about The Bahamas. The thing is, it's probably the most popular spot for locals in Nassau, and has been ever since it opened, more than a decade ago. Its full name is The Heritage Village at Arawak Cay. Heritage was the idea a dozen or so Bahamian fishermen had in mind when they came up with the idea of transforming the open space across the street from Fort Charlotte into a cultural Mecca, a place that people would be eager to visit in the midst of cosmopolitan Nassau.

We can only imagine how it all began. Maybe a group of men were sitting around with some cool drinks one night, saying, “Not only could we catch seafood, we could bring it right to the place where we'll sell and cook it. For that matter, we might as well build our own places, and sell fish and other seafood dishes right off the waterfront.”

That's what they eventually did. Fishermen constructed wooden stalls with thatched roofs on the waterside of a strip of land along Bay Street, leading towards Cable Beach and the Western part of the island. Over time, those rickety wooden stalls were replaced by one and two storey buildings with verandas, all electrified and all with indoor plumbing facilities. Then, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism began advertising Arawak Cay or “Fish Fry” as a culturally rich experience.

Today, there are more than twenty different eateries at what we affectionately call the “Fish Fry”. Menus can have everything from green salad, to conch fritters, to sandwiches or a scrumptious meal and refreshing daiquiri. Each building has its own management and its own colour scheme. Some have live bands that play in the evening. When at “Fish Fry”, you no longer feel like you are in the city, but are as close as you can get to the Family Island experience. Now, there's a grassy area for festivals, along with a small police station on the property. In the future, Arawak Cay may expand even more.

Adapted from What's On: The Complete Guide to Nassau and Paradise Island

CLOZE EXERCISE

Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage.

Arawak Cay – “Fish Fry”

You won't find much written about Arawak Cay in books about The Bahamas. The thing is, it's probably the spot for Nassauvians that has most grown in (1) _____ (line 2) ever since it was opened decades ago. “Heritage” was the idea a dozen or so Bahamian fishermen had in mind. They wanted to bring about a (2) _____ (line 5) of the open space across the street from Fort Charlotte, turning it into a cultural Mecca, a place that people would be eager to visit in the midst of cosmopolitan Nassau.

Using our (3) _____ (line 7), we can picture a group of men sitting around with some cool drinks one night, discussing it. In their dreams, they caught seafood and (4) _____ (line 8) it right to the place where they cooked and sold it. They eventually built their own places, and sold seafood dishes right off the waterfront.

The fishermen started with the (5) _____ (line 11) of wooden stalls with thatched roofs on the waterside of a strip of land, along Bay Street, leading towards Cable Beach and the Western part of the island. Over time, those rickety wooden stalls were replaced by one and two storey buildings with verandas, all with (6) _____ (line 14) and indoor plumbing facilities. Then, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism began advertising Arawak Cay or Fish Fry as a place rich in Bahamian (7) _____ (line 16).

Today, many people have developed an (8) _____ (line 17) for the more than twenty different eateries at Fish Fry. Menus can have everything from green salad, to conch fritters, to sandwiches or a scrumptious meal and refreshing daiquiri. Each building is (9) _____ (line 19) differently and has its own colour scheme. Some eateries have live bands that play in the evening. When at Fish Fry, you no longer feel like you are in the city, but are as close as you can get to the Family Island experience. Now, there's a grassy area for festivals, along with a small police station on the property. In the future, Arawak Cay may experience further (10) _____ (line 23).

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