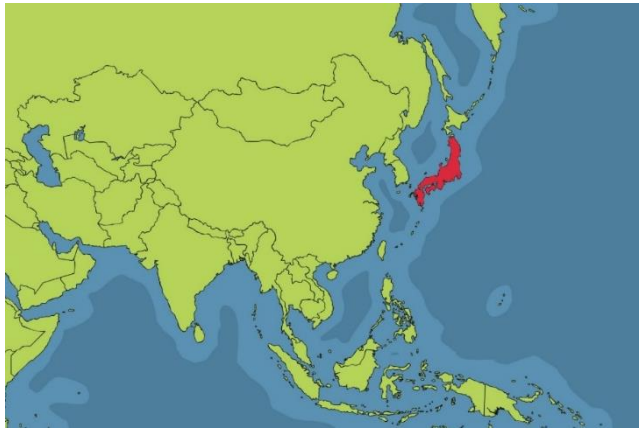
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Vocabulary Top Ten:

border	the boundary of a country
capital	is the city where the government of that country meets
continent	an area of the world that contains different countries
country	land that is controlled by a single government
earthquake	causes shock waves to shake the surface of the earth
island nation	a country that does not share land borders with other countries
mountain	a very high hill
population	the total number of people who live in a country or region
typhoon	tropical storms that bring strong winds and torrential rain
volcano	an opening in the earth's crust that allows magma, hot ash and gases to escape

Map of Japan



Japan is an island nation made up of more than 6000 islands! Japan is located in East Asia in the Pacific Ocean.

Geography of Japan

Physical features:

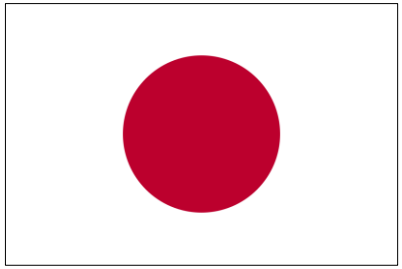
- Japan has many mountains; Mount Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan (it is a dormant volcano which means it is not active).
- There are more than 108 active volcanoes in Japan.
- Japan suffers from typhoons.
- Japan experiences lots of earthquakes.

Did you Know? In Japan they build earthquake resistant buildings and school children have earthquake drills.

Japanese people and culture:

- Sumo wrestling is the national sport of Japan.
- In Japan, popular foods include rice, fish, vegetables and soy products - sushi and sashimi are popular.
- A kimono is traditional Japanese clothing.
- Japan has high-speed trains that travel as fast as 200 miles per hour.
- Japan is to host the Olympic games in Tokyo in 2021.

Flag of Japan



Population: more than 126 million
Capital: Tokyo

Ogawara

- A town on Honshu (main island), Japan.
- The Shiroishi River runs through the town.
- Along the Shiroishi River grow hundreds of cherry blossom trees.
- The population of Ogawara is around 23,800.

Alton

- A town in Hampshire, England.
- The River Wey runs through the town.
- The population of Alton is around 17,800.

Mount Fuji



Tokyo



Ogawara

