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| Key Diagrams |







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| Key Facts |
| 1 | The Philippines is an **archipelago**, or string of over 7,100 islands, in south eastern Asia between the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.  |
| 2 | The two largest islands, **Luzon** and **Mindanao**, make up for two-thirds of the total land area.  |
| 3 | Its official name is **Republic of the Philippines** and **Manila** is the capital city. **MONEY**: Philippine peso |
| 4 | The Philippines has a population of round 110 million people! The official language is Filipino and English.  |
| 5 | The Philippines lies entirely within the humid tropics. Warm temperatures occur throughout the year. Temperatures are usually highest during the dry season, from March through June. |
| 6 | The Philippines is one of the only countries in Asia in which **Christianity** is the national religion. 92 % of the population are Christians with around 80% following the Roman Catholic faith.  |
| 7 | Ferdinand Magellan (an explorer) discovered the Philippines on March 7th 152. King Phillip of Spain sent him to discover new places. The Philippines was named after King Phillip. |
| 8 | Rice is the primary staple food. About one-quarter of the total farmland is used for rice growing.  |
| 9 | The Philippines is one of the world’s leading producers of coconuts and coconut products, which are valuable exports. |

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| Vocabulary |
| continent | A continent is a very large area of land that consists of several countries  |
| equator | The equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole. |
| archipelago | An **archipelago** is a group of islands, [especially](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/especially) small islands. |
| currency | The money used in a particular country is [referred](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/refer) to as its **currency**. |
| agriculture | **Agriculture** is farming and the methods that are used to [raise](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/raise) and [look](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/look) after crops and animals. |
| fair-trade | [**Fair**](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/fair)[**trade**](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/trade) is the practice of buying goods directly from producers in developing countries at a fair price |
| culture | Culture consists of activities such as arts and philosophy, which are considered to be important for the development of civilisation. |
| Christianity  | Christianity is a religion that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the belief that he was the Son of God. |
| ecosystem  | An ecosystem is all the plants and animals that live in a particular area together with the complex relationship that exists between them and their environment.  |