

Comparative study: England Vs Japan

Place Knowledge



Quick Facts



Facts about England:

- Form of Government: Constitutional monarchy with parliamentary government
- Capital: London
- Population: 54,000,000 (Approximately)
- Official Language: English
- Money: Pound Sterling
- Area: 130,279 square kilometres
- Major Mountain Ranges: Pennines
- Major Rivers: Thames River, Mersey River and Tyne River are of utmost importance due to their important ports, while the Severn River features as the longest river flowing through England.

Facts about Japan:

- Form of Government: Constitutional monarchy with parliamentary government
- Capital: Tokyo
- Population: 126,048,450
- Official Language: Japanese
- Money: Japanese yen
- Area: 377,835 square kilometres
- Major Mountain Ranges: Japanese Alps
- Major Rivers: Biwa, Inawashiro, Kasumigaura

Vocabulary



Comparison

A consideration or estimate of the similarities or dissimilarities between two things or people.

Human features

Human features of landscapes are all the things that humans have made e.g. buildings, factories and roads.

Physical features

Physical features of landscapes are all the things that are found naturally e.g. mountains, rivers, forest and cliffs.

Heritage

Property that is or may be inherited; an inheritance.

Country

A nation with its own government, occupying a territory.

Continent

Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica).

Bordered

(of a country or area) be adjacent to (another country or area).

Capital city

The city or town that functions as the seat of government and administrative centre of a country or region.

London

The capital and largest city of England.

Tokyo

The capital city of Japan.

Cities

A large town.

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England

England is the most populated country in the United Kingdom. The other countries that make up the United Kingdom are Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. England is bordered by Wales to the west and Scotland to the north. The capital city of England is London. Other major cities include Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Newcastle and Leeds. England includes many small islands such as the Isle of Wight and Hayling Island. There is only a 34 kilometre (21 mile) gap between England and France and the countries are connected by the Channel Tunnel which opened in 1994. The Summer Olympic Games have been held in London 3 times, in 1908, 1948 and 2012. The official London home of the British monarch (king or queen) is Buckingham Palace.

Japan

Japan is an archipelago, or string of islands, on the eastern edge of Asia. There are four main islands – Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. There are also nearly 4,000 smaller islands, too! Japan's nearest mainland neighbours are the Siberian region of Russia in the north, and Korea and China farther south.

Almost four-fifths of Japan is covered with mountains. The Japanese Alps run down the centre of the largest island, Honshu. The highest peak and Japan's most famous mountain is Mount Fuji, a cone-shaped volcano considered sacred by many Japanese.

Japan can be a dangerous place. Three of the tectonic plates that form the Earth's crust meet nearby and often move against each other, causing earthquakes. More than a thousand earthquakes hit Japan every year. Japan also has about 200 volcanoes, 60 of which are still active.

Diagrams

