



Japanese Tsunami Project

Year 6 geography transition project



Where is Japan?

Objectives/End Points

Pupils will be able to:

- Locate Japan on a world and global scale
- Identify the national features of Japan (Islands, Cities, Oceans/Seas)
- Describe a place such as Japan using key locational evidence/geographical terminology
- First though, lets watch a short video to give us an idea of what Japan is like.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZeSaDfjTGo> Write down 8 interesting facts about Japan from this video.



Use an atlas to find the UK and Japan on a world map.

Q: Which Hemisphere is Japan found in and in which continent?

Label the latitude and longitude for the city of Tokyo, which is the capital of Japan





On a separate map of Japan label the 4 main islands of Japan – Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu.

Now label the cities of Sapporo, Sendai, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Q: Are the main cities on the East or West of Japan

Finally label the pacific Ocean, the East China Sea and the sea of Japan.

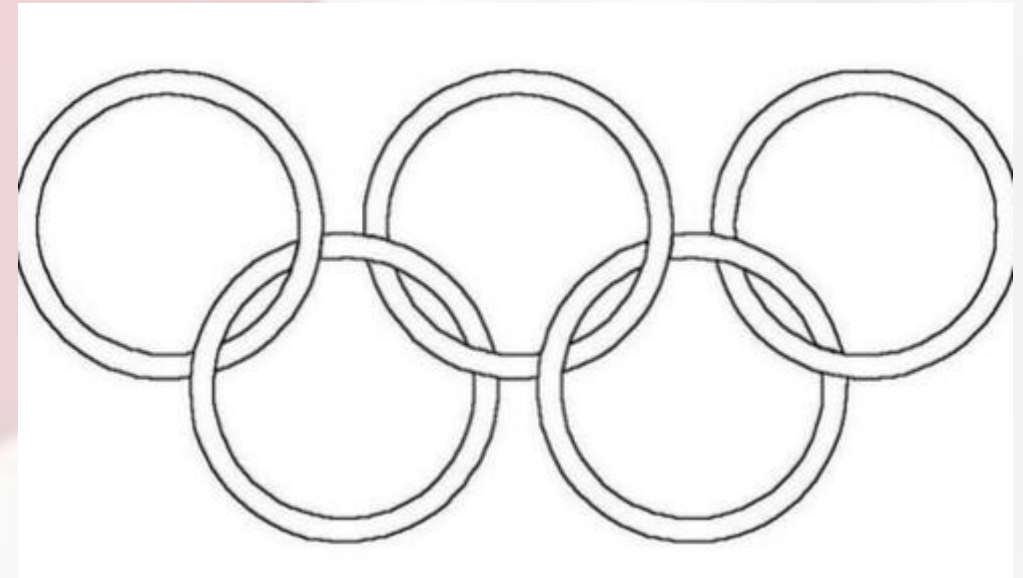
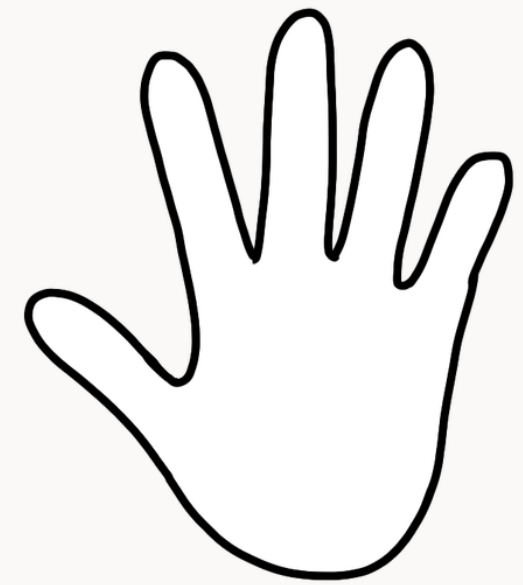


Now, either draw around your hand or use the Olympic rings; in each finger or ring write the following headings:

- Hemispheres
- Continents and Oceans
- Latitude and Longitude
- Islands,
- Cities
- 'Fascinating Facts' on the palm or below the rings.

Now, write under each heading, the information you have learnt this lesson.

TASK: Use the geographical vocabulary you have learned today to write a paragraph to describe the location of Japan on a global and local scale. Make sure you include all of the information above





What is Japan like?

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Pupils will learn that:

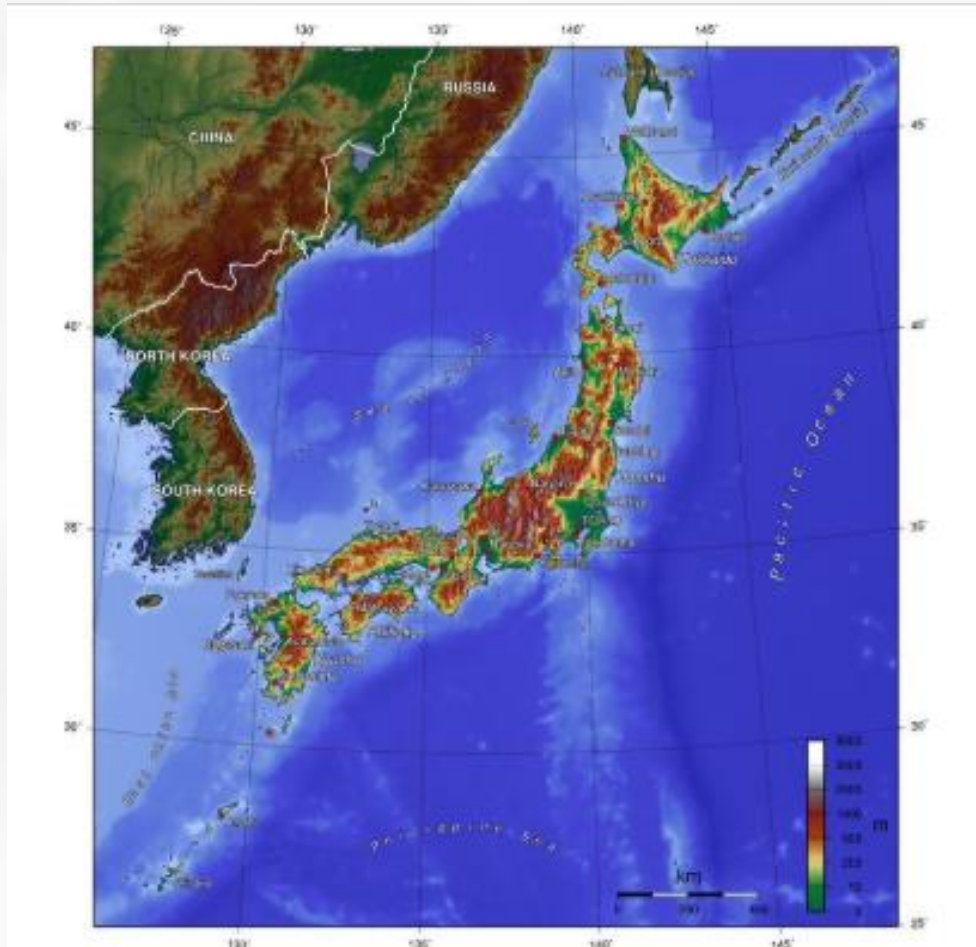
- Most people in Japan live on coastal areas because the country is Mountainous and only 14% of the land is suitable to live on
- Coastal areas in Japan are densely populated. Densely populated means many people in a small area. The opposite is sparsely populated where there are few people. So densely populated areas are cities and sparsely populated areas are rural, countryside areas
- Different islands have different physical features
- Japan has a unique culture



This is a map of Japan at night. What do you think the white bits are?



Here we can see the lights more clearly. Why do you think there is such a large cluster where the arrow is pointing?



Look at the topographical map and compare to the photograph. What are the brown/green bits? Why is Japan only lit up around the edges?

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TASK

On your map of Japan, match these images to an area on the map where you think you are most likely to find them. One of the places is Mt Fuji, one is Tokyo, one is an indoor beach near Tokyo, one is the Sapporo snow festival and one is a bridge in Sendai province



And finally, can you work out what each of these are



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