

## WHAT MAKES JAPAN SO UNIQUE?

## Japan facts:

- Japan falls victim to many natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis. Japan
  is home to many forests, mountains, rivers, lakes and cliffs. 66% of Japan is covered in
  forest.
- One of Japan's most famous natural landmarks is Mount Fuji (the highest mountain in Japan). It is a volcano that last erupted in 1707. It is considered sacred by Japanese people.
- Japan has a population of 126 million. It has a great economy, healthcare system and people lead healthy lifestyles which is why people in Japan have such a good life expectancy. Japan's cities have large, modern skyscrapers but also have traditional, historical temples.
- Children in Japan start school at six years old and attendance is compulsory until
  fifteen years old. A new school year starts in April. Most schools have a uniform. Lunch
  is eaten in classrooms and the children serve each other and clean up afterwards.
   Children and teachers bow to each other to show respect. Homework is set every day.

Continent: Asia

Hemisphere: Northern

Capital city: Tokyo

Most common language: Japanese

Currency: Yen

Main export: Technology

Main religions: Shinto and Buddhism



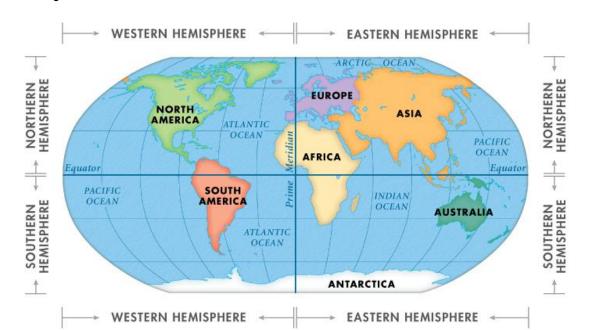




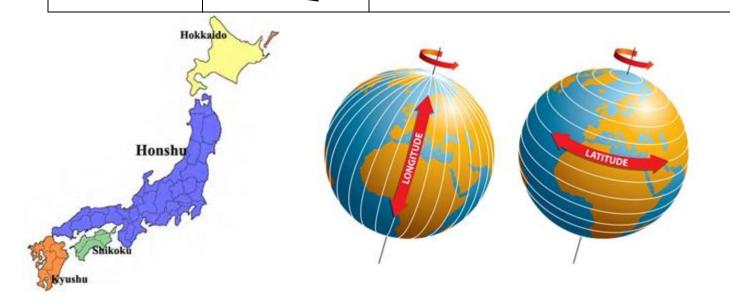




plates, crust



## **Key Geographical Vocabulary** Archipelago An extensive group of islands. The Japanese name for Japan. It Nihon literally mean "the sun's origin" and is often translated as the Land of the Rising Sun. What Japan's flag is commonly known as, Hinomaru meaning 'circle of the sun'. The Northern Hemisphere refers to the half of Northern and the planet that is north of the equator, while Southern the Southern Hemisphere is all the planet Hemisphere south of the equator. The usual condition of the temperature, Climate humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind, rainfall, and other meteorological elements in an area of the Earth's surface for a long time. A landform (usually a mountain) where Volcano molten rock erupts through the surface of the planet. An earthquake is caused by the movement of Earthquake, the Earth's tectonic plates. A high sea wave tsunami, tectonic



can be caused by this called a tsunami.