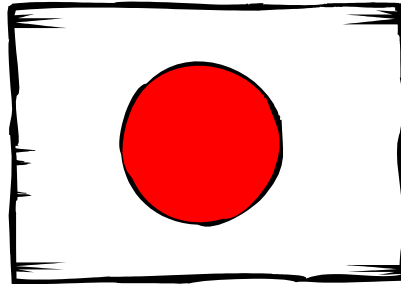


# Japan

Japan is a string of islands in the Pacific Ocean on the eastern edge of Asia. There are four main islands: Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. The countries capital, Tokyo, is located on the island, Honshu.

The people of Japan call their country "Nippon", which means "the land of the rising sun". You can see the rising sun in the middle of their flag.



This is how to say hello in Japanese:

こんにちは  
Kon'nichiwa

This is how to say goodbye in Japanese:

さようなら  
Sayōnara

The total area of Japan is 145,883 square miles. Most of Japan, about four-fifths, is covered with mountains. It also has about 200 volcanoes. Of these, 60 are still active!

Mt. Fuji is Japan's highest mountain. It is 12,387 feet high and located on Honshu Island near Tokyo. Mt. Fuji is a dormant (not active) volcano and is a popular with the tourists.



Japan hosted the Summer Olympics in Tokyo in 1964. Japan has hosted the Winter Olympics twice: Sapporo in 1972 and Nagano in 1998.