

As an island nation, the Japanese eat a lot of fish. Since two-thirds of the country is mountainous, there is limited space to farm or herd cattle.



The kimono is a traditional dress made of beautifully dyed and decorated silk.



Car and motorcycle manufacturing is an important industry.



Japan

ASIA

HOKKAIDO



There are many Shinto and Buddhist temples where people go to worship.

HONSHU

Tokyo

Mt. Fuji

AMAMI

OKINAWA

SAKASHIMA

KYUSHU

SHIKOKU



Sushi (rice rolled with vegetables or fish) is a popular dish. The Japanese use chopsticks as eating utensils.

Mount Fuji, at 12,389 feet, is Japan's highest and most sacred mountain. It is a volcano, but has been dormant since 1707.

Fast Facts

Japan has a long and rich cultural history, with the longest unbroken line of monarchs in the world, dating back more than 2,000 years. Today, Japan is regarded as an industrial and economic power in the world.

CAPITAL: Tokyo

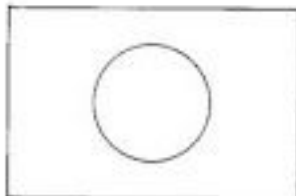
AREA: 145,883 square miles

POPULATION: 127,333,002

LANGUAGE: Japanese

CURRENCY: Yen

MAIN EXPORTS: motor vehicles, semiconductors, office machinery, chemicals



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