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LQ: Can I identify human and geographical features of Japan?

- Explain what a human geographical feature is and give examples.
- Explain what a physical geographical feature is and give examples.

Vocabulary – physical feature, human feature, landmark, settlement

Quiz

1. What are the 7 continents?
2. Name two physical features of the Japanese landscape.
3. What name is used for a string of islands?
4. What is the population of Japan to the nearest 10 million?
5. How is the weather in Japan similar and different to the weather in the UK?

- What is human geography?
- What is physical geography?
- Human characteristics are created by humans
- Physical geography is the study of a countries natural features.



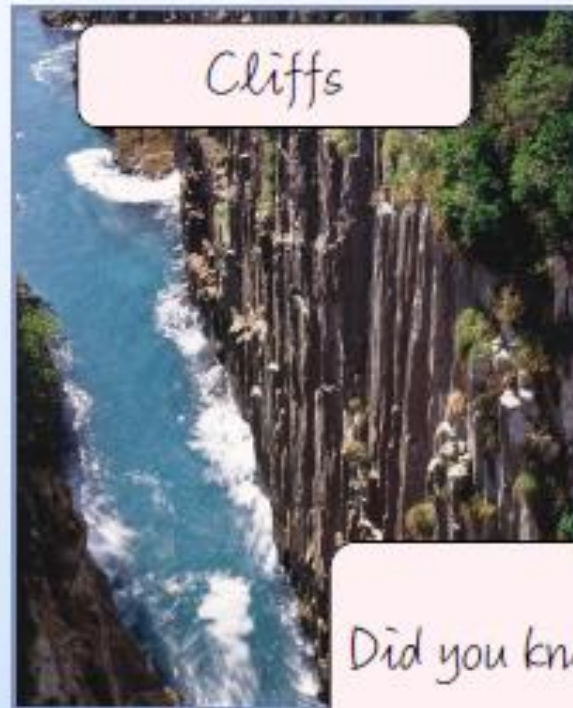
Some physical features of Japan include:



Mountains



Forests



Cliffs



Volcanoes



Rivers and lakes

Did you know, 66%
of Japan is covered
in forests!



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Shikoku

Shikoku is the smallest of the four islands in

Japan. It is classed as having a subtropical climate, which means that it is fairly close to the equator and only has two seasons. Summer seasons last longer than the winters and these climates receive direct sunlight for a large part of the year.

A physical feature of Shikoku is the Yoshino river which is famous for its white rapids and the ravines that it cuts through the land.

Unlike the other islands, Shikoku does not have any volcanoes.



Yoshino

Kyushu

Kyushu is the third largest island in Japan. Like Shikoku, it is classed as having a subtropical climate.

Kyushu is home to Japan's most active volcano: Mt Aso. This means that the volcano is expected to erupt again. Mt Aso erupted in 2016, spewing volcanic ash seven miles into the sky; it fell back to Earth as far as 200 miles away!

Having an active volcano also means that there are many hot springs in the area.



Mt Aso



Hot springs in Beppu



Hokkaido

Hokkaido is the northern most island of Japan. It is the only one of the four main islands that is not classed as having a subtropical climate. It has a cool climate with summers ranging from 17°C to 22°C , and winters ranging from -12°C to -4°C . Hokkaido has volcanoes and mountains at the centre of the island. This, combined with the icy and snowy winters, makes it an appealing snow sports destination.

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Honshu

Honshu is the main, and largest island in Japan. In comparison, it is slightly larger than the island of Great Britain.

It is home to the capital city of Japan, Tokyo, and has a subtropical climate.

Honshu contains Japan's largest lake: Lake Biwa. It is 40 miles long and gets its name from a musical instrument that has a similar shape.



Lake Biwa



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Mt Fuji

Honshu also boasts the tallest mountain, which is also a volcano, called Mt Fuji. It is 3776m high and is worshipped as a sacred mountain. It has been the inspiration behind many pieces of famous artwork and poems.

Mt Fuji is an active volcano which you can climb. It is a very popular activity, particularly in order to see the sunrise from the summit.

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Mt Fuji reflected in Lake Motosu



The Great Wave off Kanagawa



Mt Fuji is one of Japan's three holy mountains along with Mt Tate and Mt Haku.

It can be seen for miles around on clear days and has even been photographed from space!

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Task

Pretend you are in Japan.

Write a postcard home telling someone about the physical geographical sites you have seen and the human geographical sights you have seen.