

The capital city is	
areas in the world.	
Many of Japan's more than 126 million pe	eople live in crowded cities along the coast.
The largest ones are: Y	, N,
O, Naga	H
Sa, Ni	



There are still areas where life is more traditional. The Japanese culture respects tradition.

Japanese people celebrate lots of festivals each year, usually with colourful processions with traditional clothes.

The climate varies from tropical in the south to cool temperate in the north. Summers are hot and humid and winters are mild in the south.

On the northern island there is even snow in winter.

Most of Japan has plenty of rainfall. The rainy season is in June and July. The typhoon season is in September.



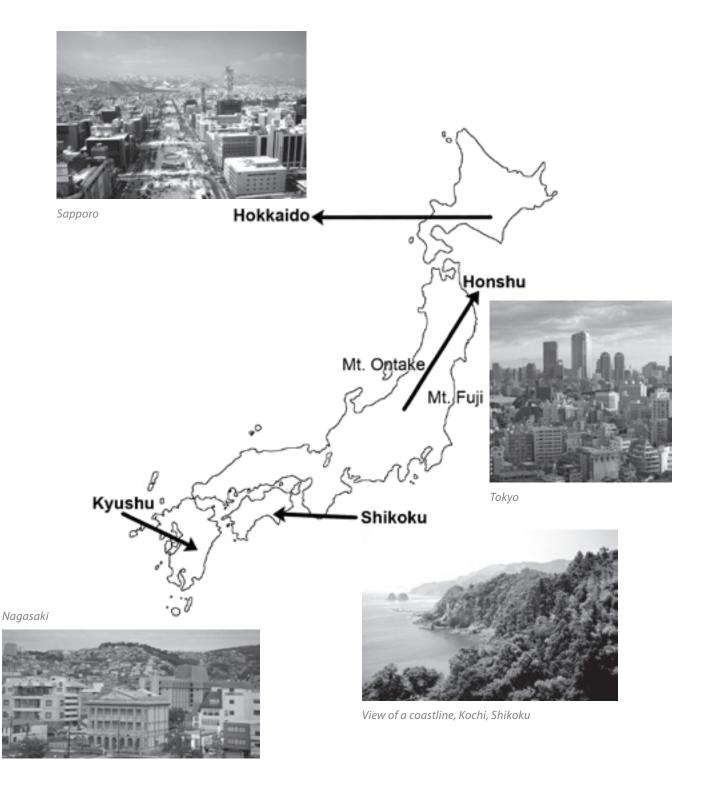


## **Q** ■ Major islands

Japan consists of four large and thousands of small islands.

Its largest island is HO\_\_\_\_\_\_followed by HOK\_\_\_\_\_\_,

K\_\_\_\_and S\_\_\_\_\_.





## **□ ■** Japan Quiz

Look at the map and fill in the missing words.



1	The Capital of Japan is
2	Sapporo is situated on the northernmost of the four largest islands. The name of this
	Island is
3	The largest island is
4	is the smallest of the four major islands of Japan.
5	The name of the tallest mountain near Tokyo is Mount
6	The sea that borders Japan to the south is called the
7	The ocean that borders Japan to the east is the
8	The body of water that separates Japan from South Korea is called the
9	The ocean that borders Japan to the west is the of
10	The name of the southernmost island is



## **□** The "Ring of Fire"



Tokyo Japan with Mt Fuji

Japan is located in an area of the Pacific Ocean called the "Ring of Fire".

More than 70% of Japan consists of mountains, including about 200 volcanoes. Sixty volcanoes are active and earthquakes are also common because Japan lies on a major fault line. There are about 1000 earthquakes every year but most of them are only small tremors.

Japan's highest peak is Mount F	_ (3776m), a volcano which last
erupted in 1708.	

Mount O (ekatnO), a volcano in central Japan, erupted unexpectedly in October 2014.

A circle of volcanoes called the "Ring of Fire" is found on the edges of land surrounding the Pacific Ocean where ocean plates and earth plates rub together.

Some of these volcanic mountains are active and they erupt fairly regularly. Others are "sleeping" (dormant) but could erupt anytime.