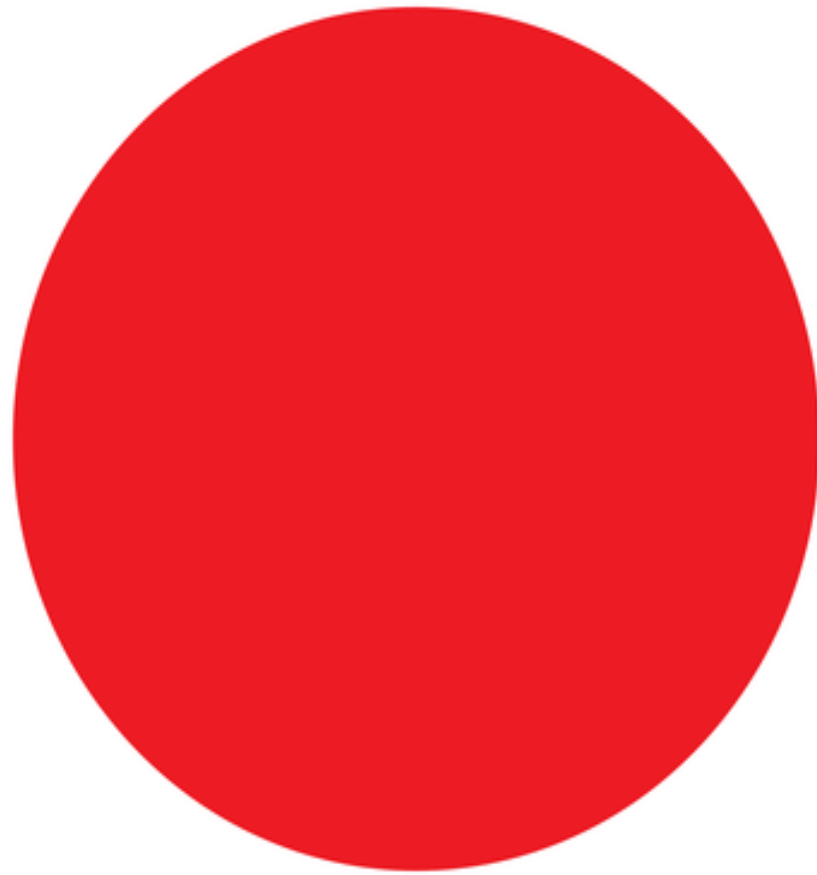


**JAPAN**



**The land of the Rising Sun**

# Geography



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# **Geography**

**Japan is 70% mountains**

**Japan is made up of over 6000 islands**

**Mt. Fuji or Fujiyama is the highest mountain (3,776m or 12,285ft) in Japan and is world-famous for its superb conical form.**

**This symbol of the beautiful land is located on the border of Shizuoka and Yamanashi Prefectures.**



# **Interesting facts!**

- There are wild monkeys in Japan
  - Wild monkeys don't like to be looked at in the eye
    - Golden Retrievers are the most popular pet
- Junior High and High School students wear uniforms
  - Elementary school students wear yellow caps
  - In Japan, the teachers move from class to class
    - and the students stay in one room
  - At McDonalds the hamburgers are the same size as in America, but the drink sizes are one size smaller
    - "McDonalds" in a Japanese dialect sounds like
      - "Ma-ku-do-na-ru-do"
- Japanese pizza has mayonnaise, corn, and seaweed on it

A large, bold, black Japanese calligraphic character '書' (Sho) is positioned on the left side of the slide. The character is written in a traditional, expressive style with thick, fluid strokes.

## *Japanese Writing*

Calligraphy (shodo: "the way of writing")  
is the art of writing beautifully.  
Most children learn  
calligraphy in elementary school.  
It is a popular hobby for adults, too.

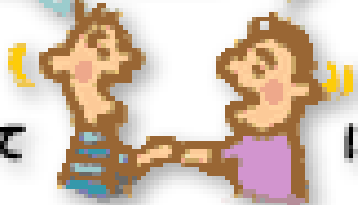
It means not just penmanship, but the Way or the Path of writing. In China and Japan, Shodo has long been regarded as one of the most important forms of art. The Japanese have two sets of characters for writing sounds. **Hiragana** have rounded strokes, while **Katakana** use mostly straight lines.

# Language

## 1. How do you do (1)

hajimemashite!

はじめまして



はじめまして

## 2. Yes

hai



はい

## 3. No

iiie



いいえ

## 4. Good morning

ohayougozaimasu

おはようございます



## 5. Good afternoon

konnichiwa

こんにちは

## 6. Good evening

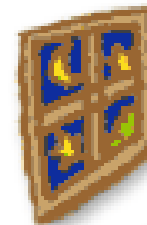
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こんばんは

## 7. Good night

oyasuminasai

おやすみなさい



# Language

## 8. Thank you

arigato ♡



ありがとう

## 9. Please

onegaishimasu

おねがいします



## 10. Treat me kindly

yoroshiku

よろしく

## 11. I am sorry

gomennasai

ごめんなさい



## 12. Good bye

sayonara



さようなら

## 13. Good bye (2)

ittekimasu

いってきます



## 14. Im home

tadaima

ただいま



Hajimemashite is used only when you meet someone for the first time.

Oyasuminasai is used when going to bed but not when leaving a friend's house at night.

Just as in English, there are different ways of saying "thank you": arigatoo (thanks), arigatoogozaimasu (thank you), and domo arigatoogozaimasu (thank you very much). Ittekimasu is what you say when you leave the house for school. It literally means "I'm going out but will be back." When you get home, you say tadaima, which means "I've returned."

# POPULATION

- According to the 1996 national population census, Japan's total population was 125.7 million.
- This made Japan the seventh most populous nation in the world.
- The population has more than doubled since the first national census in 1920, when it was about 56 million.
- As of 1994 Japan' population density was 335.4 persons per square kilometer, one of the highest in the world.



By comparison, the population density was 828 persons per square kilometer in Bangladesh, 440 in South Korea, 328 in Belgium, 237 in Britain, 124 in China and 27 in the United States (1992 figures).

# Japanese Animals

The Japanese River Otter, a member of the weasel family, reaches approximately 70 centimeters (28 inches) in length.



The Japanese crane, known for its slender, elegant figure, is a member of the crane family.



The sea turtle, a symbol of long life and good luck, has been loved for centuries. The Loggerhead Turtle, belonging to the sea turtle family, makes its home in the seas of tropical and temperate regions.

The Snow Monkey of Shimokita Peninsula inhabits the northernmost region of Japan's main island, which is the world's coldest spot inhabited by primates.



The Japanese Golden Eagle, a member of the eagle family, reaches 80 to 90 centimeters (32 to 36 inches) in length, and is characterized by its large, black wings and distinct golden wash over the back of the head.