

Culture Week Knowledge Organiser – Japan

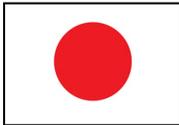
Important Information

Capital – Tokyo
 Language – Japanese
 Population – 126.8 million in 2017
 Currency – Japanese yen

Key Information

Japan is in Asia. It is approximately 5713 miles away from the United Kingdom. Japan is an island because it is surrounded by water. The whole country is made up of four main islands. These are: Hokkaido, Honshu (the main island), Shikoku and Kyushu.

The Japanese flag is commonly known as ‘Hinomaru’ which means ‘circle of the sun. The crimson red colour of the symbolic sun is said to represent a prosperous future for Japan. The white background colour symbolizes the purity, honesty, and integrity of the people of Japan.



Manga Art

In Japan, manga refers to comics, cartoons and animation. Manga had become a huge part of modern day Japanese culture. In Japan, people of all ages read manga comics or books.



Key Vocabulary

Tsunami	A Japanese word meaning Harbour Wave. A tsunami is a giant wave.
coast	The shore of a sea or ocean.
wavelength	A shared orientation leading to mutual understanding.
submerge	Put under water.
amplitude	Greatness of magnitude.
tidal wave	An unusual (and often destructive) rise of water along the seashore caused by a storm or a combination of wind and high tide.
tidal	Of or relating to or caused by tides.
wave	(Physics) a movement up and down or back and forth.
decrease	On reaching the coast, it slows down and its wavelength decreases .
encounter	Come together.
devastate	Cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly.
energy	Forceful exertion.

Tsunamis and Japan

A tsunami is a giant wave caused by a huge earthquake under the ocean. The earthquake causes a large amount of water to be displaced very quickly. A series of waves travels through the deep water. As the waves travel through shallower water near the land, they get bigger. About 1,500 earthquakes strike the island nation every year. Minor tremors occur on a nearly daily basis. Deadly quakes are a tragic part of the nation's past.

