

# Fun Facts – Japan Quiz

## Teacher Copy – Quiz Questions and Answers

1. What is the official language of Japan?  
**Japanese**
2. What is the Japanese name for Japan?  
**Nippon or Nihon (which means sun origin)**
3. How many islands does Japan have?  
**There are five main islands: Hokkaido, Shikoku, Kyushu, Honshu and Okinawa. (Honshu is the largest island and is referred to as the Japanese mainland.)**
4. What is the capital and largest city of Japan?  
**Tokyo**
5. The capital city of Japan is located on which island?  
**Honshu**
6. Which continent does Japan belong to?  
**Asia**
7. What is the name of the mountain that is also the highest point in Japan?  
**Mt Fuji**
8. What foods are most commonly associated with Japan?  
**Sushi, fish, rice, soy products**
9. What is the population of Japan?  
**The population of Japan is approximatley 127,000,000**
10. What were ancient warriors of Japan known as?  
**Samurai**
11. What is Japan's currency called?  
**The Japanese Yen**
12. Which countries are closest to Japan?  
**Japan's closest neighbours are North Korea, South Korea, Russia and China. Japan is made up of islands and because of this it does not share a land border with any other countries**
13. What does the red circle in the middle of Japan's flag represent?  
**The red circle represents the sun. (The red colour of the symbolic sun is said to represent prosperity. The white background is said to represent the purity, honesty and integrity of the people of Japan.)**
14. What covers more than half of Japan?  
**Mountains (There is a mountain range running through each of the four main islands. Many of the mountains are heavily forested.)**
15. What is considered Japan's national sport?  
**Sumo Wrestling**
16. What does 'arigatou gozaimasu' mean?  
**Thank you**
17. What clothing is considered traditional Japanese wear?  
**Kimono**
18. Japanese writing uses characters instead of the letters of the alphabet that we are familiar with. In what other way is traditional Japanese writing different?  
**The characters are written from right to left and/or in columns from top to bottom.**
19. What is the shinkansen train?  
**This is the high-speed train in Japan, also known as the bullet train. It is the world's fastest train, reaching speeds of over 300km per hour.**
20. How many times has Japan hosted the Olympics?  
**Japan has hosted the Olympics three times and will host them again in 2020.**