Japan is a country in Asia that is made up of 6,852 islands. Not all of these islands are inhabited. "Inhabited" means that people live on them.

There are four main islands where people live. Tokyo, the capital of Japan, is on one of these main islands. In Japanese, the language of Japan, the country is called "Nippon."

This means "Land of the Rising Sun," which is also Japan’s nickname in English. A "nickname" is an informal or friendly name that people use to talk about a person or place.

Japan is famous for many things including its landscape, art, music, poetry and food.
Today, Japan may be most famous for its inventions in science and technology.

Many of the pieces of technology that we use every day came from Japan. Japan has many companies that produce technology. For example, many digital cameras are made in Japan. Japanese companies that make digital cameras are Fuji, Panasonic, Canon, and Nikon.

Also, many computers and printers are made by Japanese companies. If you have a computer or printer that is made by Sony or Epson then you have Japanese computer or printer.

Japan is also famous for its cars. Japanese car companies include Toyota, Honda, Nissan, and Mazda. Chances are that many pieces of technology in your house including your television, cell phone, and even your digital alarm clock are made by Japanese companies.

These companies are always doing research and developing new products to continue advancing technology in the home.
Japanese companies don't only make small electronics for personal use. Japan is also a very important country in space exploration. "Exploration" means investigation or discovering new places.

The Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency does research on planets, aviation (flying), rockets, and satellites. "Satellites" are pieces of technology that fly in space and send pictures and information back to Earth.

Japan works with other nations including the United States and Russia on better understanding space and the other planets.

They are also very involved in trying to understand the Earth's climate. "Climate" means weather conditions. The Earth's climate has been changing quickly over the past hundred years and scientists, including the Japanese, are studying the climate from space to understand what it will be like in the future.

Because of the work they have done in technology and science, many Japanese researchers and scientists have won the Nobel Prize. This is the highest honor that a scientists and authors can receive. It is awarded (given) once a year to someone who has changed the world because of their research or work. Japanese scientists have won the Nobel Prize in chemistry, physics, and medicine.

Japan is an important contributor to the world's technology and understanding of science. A "contributor" is someone who gives time or money or information to someone else.

Japanese researchers and companies have changed the way that everyone around the world is able to communicate, receive information, and move from one place to another.

Luckily for all of us, the Japanese are continuing to develop new products and technologies to make our lives easier!
Japan Worksheet – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Where is Japan located? How many islands is it made up of?

2. What is Japan called in Japanese? What does it mean?

3. What are some pieces of technology coming from Japan?

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence “Japan is a country in Asia”

Negative: Japan is not a country in Asia.

Yes/No Question: Is Japan a country in Asia?

WH-Question: What is Japan?

Tag Question: Japan is a country in Asia, isn’t it?
1. There are four main islands.

**Negative:**

**Yes/No Question:**

**WH-Question:**

**Tag Question:**

2. The country is called Nippon.

**Negative:**

**Yes/No Question:**

**WH-Question:**

**Tag Question:**

3. **Today** Japan is famous for its inventions.

**Negative:**

**Yes/No Question:**

**WH-Question:**

**Tag Question:**
C. Write the correct word in the blank.

1. The Japanese are continuing ___________ develop new products.
   a) to  b) with  c) and

2. Japan is ___________ famous for its cars.
   a) too  b) as well  c) also

3. Japan has many companies ___________ produce technology.
   a) who  b) that  c) this

   a) is  b) are  c) be

5. You have Japanese computer ___________ printer.
   a) or  b) also  c) of

6. Japan is a ___________ important country in space exploration.
   a) much  b) many  c) very

7. Japan works ___________ other nations.
   a) with  b) together  c) to

8. Scientists are ___________ the climate.
   a) study  b) studying  c) studied
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1. Where is Japan located? How many islands is it made up of?

Japan is located in Asia. It is made up of 6,852 islands.

2. What is Japan called in Japanese? What does it mean?

In Japanese Japan is called “Nippon.” It means “Land of the rising sun.”

3. What are some pieces of technology coming from Japan?

Some pieces of technology that come from Japan are digital cameras, cars, and computers.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

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1. There are **four** main islands.

   **Negative:** There are not four main islands.

   **Yes/No Question:** Are there four main islands?

   **WH-Question:** How many main islands are there?

   **Tag Question:** There are four main islands, aren’t there?

2. The country is called **Nippon**.

   **Negative:** The country is not called Nippon.

   **Yes/No Question:** Is the country called Nippon?

   **WH-Question:** How is the country called?

   **Tag Question:** The country is called Nippon, isn’t it?

3. **Today** Japan is famous for its inventions.

   **Negative:** Today Japan is not famous for its inventions

   **Yes/No Question:** Is Japan famous for its inventions today?

   **WH-Question:** When is Japan famous for its inventions?

   **Tag Question:** Today Japan is famous for its inventions, isn’t it?
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