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Most of Japan is covered in mountains and forests. The population is about 125 million. Tokyo is the capital and the largest city in Japan.

Since Japan is in a region, there are many earthquakes. There are also many volcanoes and typhoons. Japan's most famous volcano and highest mountain is Mount Fuji.

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Japan has an emperor. In 1989, Emperor Akihito became the 125th emperor. He is married to Empress Michiko. The oldest son is Crown Prince Naruhito. The family lives in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

Circle the correct answer.

1. What are the four largest islands?

- a. Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Sushi
c. Honshu, Hokkaido, Shikoku, Kyushu

- b. Fukuoka, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Shikoku
d. Hokkaido, Shikoku, Kumamoto, Honshu

2. How many prefectures are in Japan?

- a. 50 b. 47 c. 4 d. 48

3. What is the capital of Japan?

- a. Honshu b. Akihito c. Tokyo d. Kyushu

4. What does Japan have a lot of?

- a. deserts and volcanoes b. forests and deserts
c. earthquakes and volcanoes d. tornadoes and earthquakes

5. How many seasons are in Japan?

- a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4

6. Who is the Emperor of Japan?

- a. Emperor Naruhito b. Emperor Akihito
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