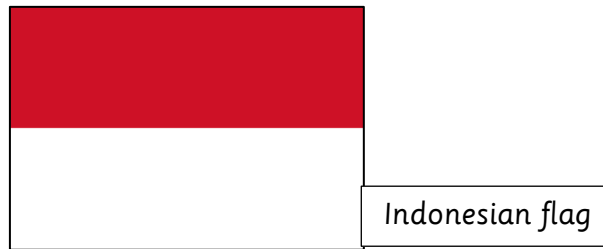


Facts about Indonesia

Read these facts and then answer the questions that are on the other geography sheet.



Indonesia is a hot tropical place near the Equator. It is an archipelago, which means it is made up of many islands. There are at least 17,000 (seventeen thousand) islands. People use boats to travel between them.

The most important islands are Java, Bali, Borneo, Sulawesi, and Sumatra, because it is where most Indonesians live.

The capital of Indonesia is Jakarta, which is on the island of Java.

The population of Indonesia is over two-hundred and seventy-three million. (Over 273,000,000)

Indonesia is near to Australia and between the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean.

Indonesia's longest river is called the Kapuas River, but there are other rivers too.

There are mountains and volcanoes in Indonesia. In fact Indonesia has the most, active volcanoes, in the world. It is part of the Ring of fire.



Puncak Jaya is the highest mountain in Indonesia. It is 4,884 meters high.



Puncak Jaya

There are many coasts, so Indonesia is a popular place for holidays.

It also has jungles and rainforests where many exotic animals such as orang-utans, tigers and black apes live.

One of the Indonesian islands is called Komodo Island and this is where the Komodo dragons live. They are protected in a special national park.



Other interesting facts

People in Indonesia speak Bahasa Indonesian, English, Dutch and local dialects.

Indonesia has the largest gold mine in the world. It also has the Borobudur temple, which is the largest Buddhist temple in the world.

