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JAPAN



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Ideas for Parents and Teachers

Pogo Books let children practice reading informational text while introducing them to nonfiction features such as headings, labels, sidebars, maps, and diagrams, as well as a table of contents, glossary, and index.

Carefully leveled text with a strong photo match offers early fluent readers the support they need to succeed.

Before Reading

- "Walk" through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child's questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: Japan's cities are very crowded. Do you live in a crowded city or an area with a low population?

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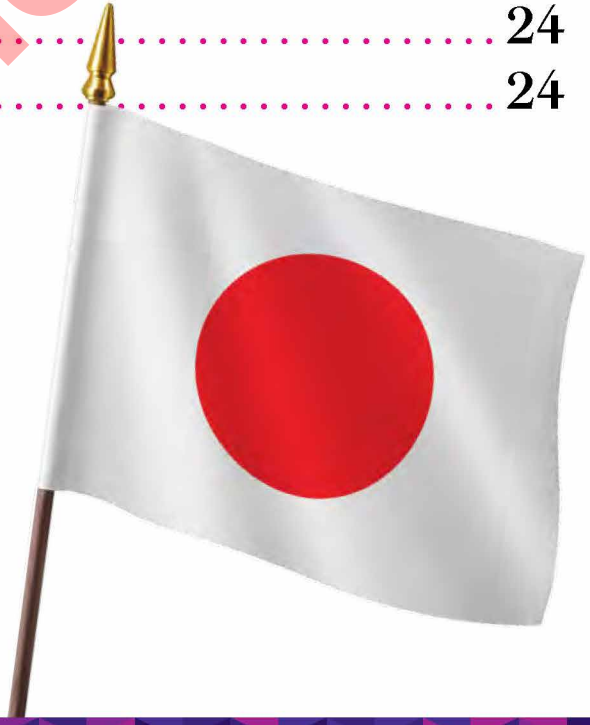
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CHAPTER 1

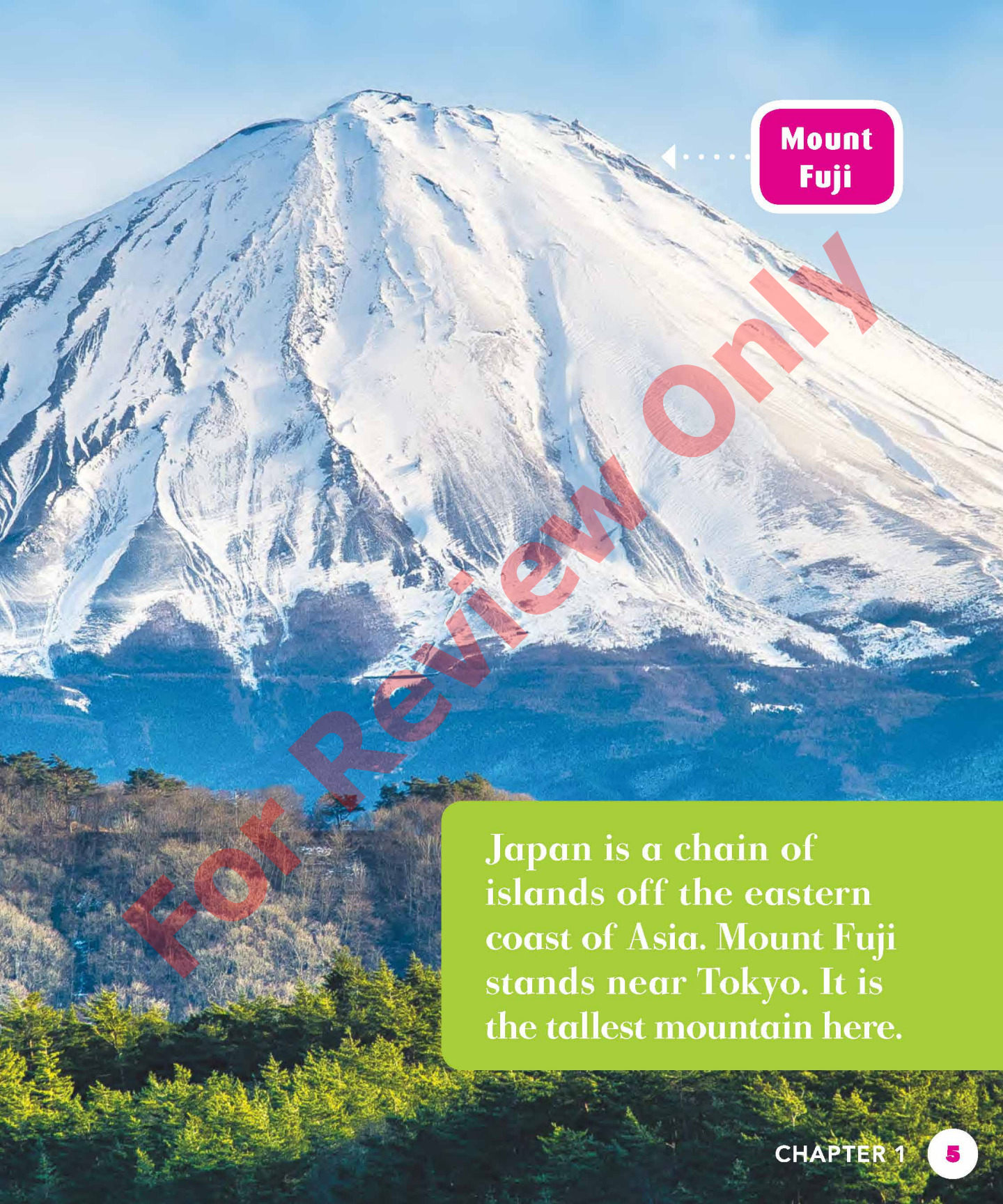
WELCOME TO JAPAN!

Blooming cherry blossoms. Cities packed with people. Beautiful beaches. Mountains capped with snow. These are all sights found in Japan!



cherry blossoms

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Japan is a chain of islands off the eastern coast of Asia. Mount Fuji stands near Tokyo. It is the tallest mountain here.

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Forests spread across the land. Snow monkeys chatter in the trees. Bears, foxes, and deer search for food. Red-crowned cranes can be found in **marshes**. Pairs dance together.

DID YOU KNOW?

Red-crowned cranes are a sign of good luck. These birds are often shown in Japanese art. They are even on the money!



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Tall castles are found in Japan. Some were built more than 1,000 years ago! They were built along **trade** routes and rivers. Why? To defend those areas.

From the outside, a castle might appear to have three to five stories. But the inside has more levels. Why? To confuse **invaders**.



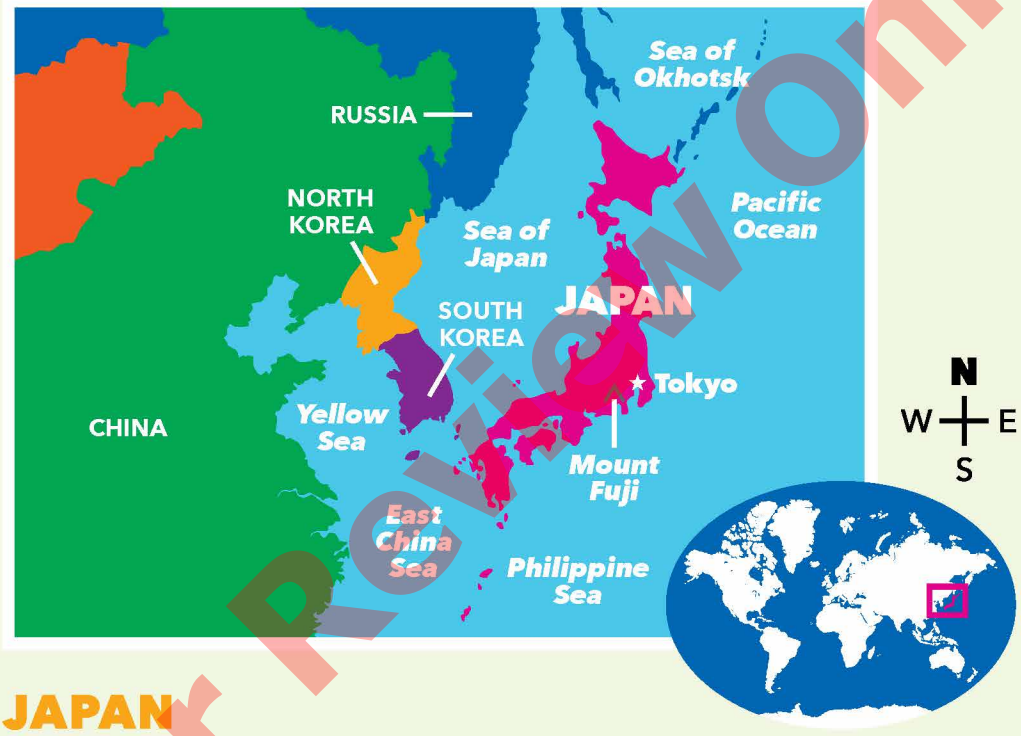
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QUICK FACTS & TOOLS

AT A GLANCE



JAPAN

Location: Eastern Asia

Size: 145,914 square miles (377,915 square kilometers)

Population: 126,451,398 (July 2017 estimate)

Capital: Tokyo

Type of Government: parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Language: Japanese

Exports: cars, car parts, iron and steel products, plastic materials

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