

Unit 15 Do you know this country?

Working with large numbers used to express the area and population of various countries, and learning the names of countries and their capital cities.

Unit Aims

Basic activities that encourage children to look out into the world are included in this unit. Simply studying the data of various countries is not enough for developing a sense of international understanding. However, it is also true that by looking at one's own country's data and comparing it with data of other countries, children will start to notice various characteristics of their own country and those of other countries. For example, there are large countries with a small population and small countries with a large population among the countries listed on the page. We hope children take an interest in the countries around the world through working with large numbers related to countries.

Vocabulary

square kilometers people capital hundred thousand million

Classroom English

How many square kilometers is Japan?

How many people live in Japan?

What country is this?

What do you know about Canada?

Step of Activities

- (1) Looking at the pictures and numbers on the page and learning the area, population, and capital of Japan. P.67
- (2) Looking at the table with the area and population of various countries

and thinking about which country's statistics they are. Then selecting the location and capital of each country from the page. P.68-P.69

- (3) Reporting what other things they know about each of the countries. P.69
- (4) Looking up the area and population of other countries they are interested in. P.70

Other Possible Activities

Children check which countries have the 5 largest populations, the 5 smallest populations, which countries are the 5 biggest countries, and the 5 smallest countries, and then study the statistics of these countries.

What country has the biggest population?

What country has the second (third, fourth, fifth) biggest population?

What is the smallest country?

Ex. : largest populations - 1. China 2. India 3. the U.S.A.

4. Indonesia 5. Brazil

smallest populations - 1. Vatican 2. Tuvalu 3. Nauru 4. Palau

5. San Marino

biggest countries - 1. Russia 2. Canada 3. the U.S.A. 4. China

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smallest countries - 1. Vatican 2. Monaco 3. Nauru 4. Tuvalu

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