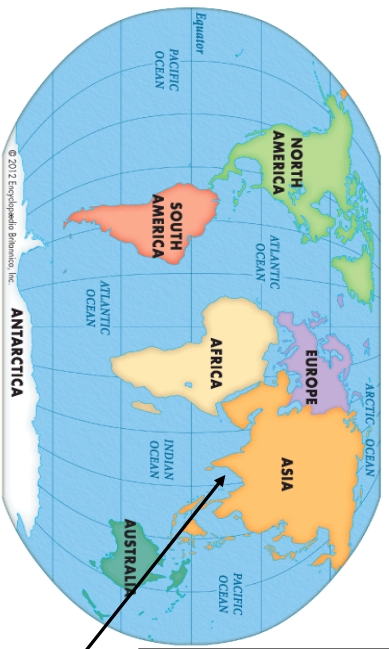


Investigating India - Fact Sheet



India is located in **South Asia**. The capital is New Delhi, and the language most people speak is Hindi. A person who is from India is Indian.

India is the seventh largest country in the world, and it has the second highest population.

A large portion of India is surrounded by the Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea. The Himalayan Mountains stretch along India's northern border, and countries around India include Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.



India is in the continent of **Asia**.

There are **7 continents** and **4 oceans** in the world.

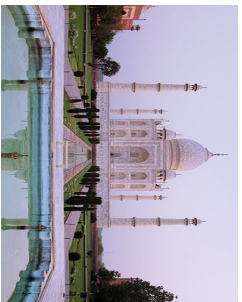
Did you know?

- The main language is Hindi, and most people speak English.
- Hinduism is the main religion in India.
- About 1.2 billion people live in India.
- Indian Independence Day is celebrated on 15 August. India became independent after British rule on 15 August 1947.
- Many women in India wear *saris*, which are long pieces of cloth draped around the waist and shoulders - like a dress. Men in India where dhotis, which is another kind of long piece of cloth that is tied around the waist and between the legs - like trousers.
- A popular instrument in India is the *sitar*, which is like a guitar but with a much longer neck.
- The monsoon season in India is the time when the country has the most rain, and it can last from July to September.
- There are three bodies of water around India - the Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.
- The main river in India is the Ganges, in the northeast of the country. India is the only country in the world where both lions and tigers live.

Indian women wearing **Saris**.



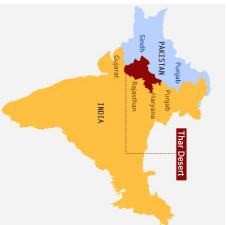
India has a high level of poverty - over 30% of people in India have very little money to buy food and supplies. Poor children may have to work at a very young age to help their parents.



The Taj Mahal in Agra is one of India's most famous sights. It is actually a tomb built in the 17th century to honour the wife of Shah Jahan, who died in childbirth.

Top Facts:

- About 1.2 billion people live in India.
- The capital of India is New Delhi, but the largest city is Mumbai.
- One of the most important Hindu festivals is Diwali, also called the 'festival of lights'.
- Cows are seen as sacred in India - nobody eats beef, and most people are vegetarians. They are allowed to go where they want, and may even cause traffic jams when they walk through cities!
- India has a very large film industry called Bollywood.



Evesham is in the county of **Worcestershire** which is very different to the **Thar Desert** in India. Look at the Thar Desert and Worcestershire on Google Earth to see.

Indian women decorate their hands with **Henna tattoos**.



India has a variety of terrain, including jungles, coastal plains and a desert (Thar Desert). There are 12 main rivers that flow across India, and the longest is the Ganges.

Vocabulary	Definition
Continent	A large area of the land on Earth that is joined together.
Country	An area of land that forms an independent political unit with its own government.
City	A large human settlement.
Ocean	a huge body of salt water
Sea	a body of salt water not as large as an ocean and often nearly surrounded by land.
Town	A human settlement
Village	A clustered human settlement or community, larger than a hamlet but smaller than a town
Equator	It is the imaginary line on the earth's surface, equidistant from its poles, dividing it into northern and southern hemispheres.
Climate	The weather over a long period of time.
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant
Temple	A place of worship.
Spices	an aromatic or pungent vegetable substance used to flavour food
Valley	a low area between hills or mountains often with a river running through it.
Vegetation	all the plant life in a particular region.

India

flag

sari

Taj Mahal

Mother Teresa

snake charmer

rickshaw

bhangra dancing

turban

Bollywood

sitar

elephant

cobra

peacock

monkey

tiger

Buddhism

Hinduism

Sikhism

Buddha

temple

tea

banana

mango

pineapple

avocado

coconut

curry

rice

Monsoon

palm tree

Indian food is characterised by lots of spices, such as cinnamon, turmeric, coriander, aise and cardamom. Each region of India produces different kinds of food.



