Life on a Caribbean Island

Geography Year 2

Life on a Caribbean Island: How is life different in Jamaica?

Very Important Vocabulary

Continent: A continent is a huge area of land. There are 7 continents in the world.
Ocean: An ocean is a very large body of salty water. The Caribbean sea is part of the Atlantic Ocean.
Caribbean: The Caribbean is a group of islands - Jamaica is one of these islands.
Climate: Is the usual weather in a place over a long period of time. Jamaica has a hot and tropical climate.
Hurricane: Is a huge, powerful storm with strong winds and heavy rain.
Equator: Is an invisible line around the middle of the Earth. Places near the equator, like Jamaica, are usually hot all year round.
Human Features: These are things that people build, for example: houses, roads, cities, schools and parks.
Physical Features: There are natural parts of the world, for example: mountains, rivers, beaches and forests.
Capital City: This is where the government has its headquarters and where it makes important decisions.
Crops: These are plants that people grow for food or sell.

Jamaica has amazing natural features. These include tall mountains like Blue Mountains, sandy beaches, coral reefs, rivers and rainforests.

The land in Jamaica is great for growing food. Warm temperatures, rich soil and regular rain help farmers to grow crops like bananas, sugarcane, coffee and yams.

Plants and animals in hot places have special ways to survive. In rainforests, trees grow tall to reach sunlight. In deserts, cacti store water, and camels can go a long time without drinking.

Trourists come to enjoy warm weather, beaches and colourful culture. This helps the island to earn money.

Location:

Jamaica is a tropical island in the Caribbean. It has hot weather all year, with a wet seasons and a dry season.

Climate

Jamaica has a tropical climate. It is hot and sunny, this climate helps lots of plants to grow and animals and sea life to thrive. This makes Jamaica very biodiverse. Jamaica can however experience hurricanes. Hurricanes can damage homes, farms and roads.

Jamaica:

Kingston is the capital city of Jamaica. It is known for its reggae music, museums and Emancipation Park. Jamaican culture is full of music, food and traditions.