



What should I already know?

- The main religion in India is **Hinduism**.
- Rangoli patterns are important to Hindu people.
- Diwali is an important celebration to Hindus.
- India is a country within the continent of **Asia** in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The difference between a country and a continent.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Key facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital city is New Delhi. • The main language is Hindi. • The population is about 1.4 billion. • The currency is the Indian Rupee.
Physical features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India is surrounded by three bodies of water: the Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. • Different regions in India have different climates. In total, India has six different climate regions. • India has many mountain ranges, rivers, forests, deserts and coastlines. • It shares land borders with China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. • The major rivers in India start from the Himalayas, the Vindhyas and the Western Ghats. Most of the rivers finish in the Bay of Bengal.
Human features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other important cities are Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata. • Famous landmarks include the Taj Mahal, Floating Palace and Golden Palace.

Vocabulary

Asia	a continent in the Northern Hemisphere
Calcutta	a city now known as Kolkata
climate region	a geographical area which has the same climate conditions
curry	a traditional type of spicy food eaten throughout India and now globally
elephant	Indian elephants are native to Asia
Hinduism	Indian religion and way of life, which is the world's third largest religion
mausoleum	a huge monument built to house a tomb (or group of tombs)
Mother Teresa	a Roman Catholic nun who became the saint of Calcutta (an Indian City)
mountain	a large, natural, steep hill
native	live there and found there naturally
peacock	a type of bird originally from India
rangoli	art form originating in India
Republic of India	India's official name
rickshaw	a small, light, passenger vehicle used like a taxi in Asian countries
sari	an item of clothing worn by women which is a long piece of fabric draped around the body
Taj Mahal	an impressive, world-famous mausoleum in the city of Agra
tiger	a big cat which is native to India

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Create a climate region map of India.
- Explain how the five different types of mountains are formed? Know that all mountain ranges have different features and formations.
- Name the major rivers in India and explain how rivers are used by people and how they can harm people?
- Explain how major cities have a range of human and physical features, identifying some important buildings in the cities of India and the physical environments of different cities.
- Explain some aspects of the Indian culture.
- Use features and facts to compare the UK and India.

Diagrams

Map of India



India's flag

