



The Geography of Fiji

Exploring the Islands of the
South Pacific

What We Will Learn

Today, we are going to discover the amazing islands of Fiji!

- Locate Fiji on the map and see where it sits compared to Australia.
- Discover the two main islands, Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.
- Learn about Fiji's tropical weather and seasons.
- Explore volcanoes and coral reefs.
- Compare Fijian landforms to Australian ones.



Key Words to Know



Archipelago

A large group or chain of islands.



Tropical

A hot, wet climate found near the equator.



Volcanic

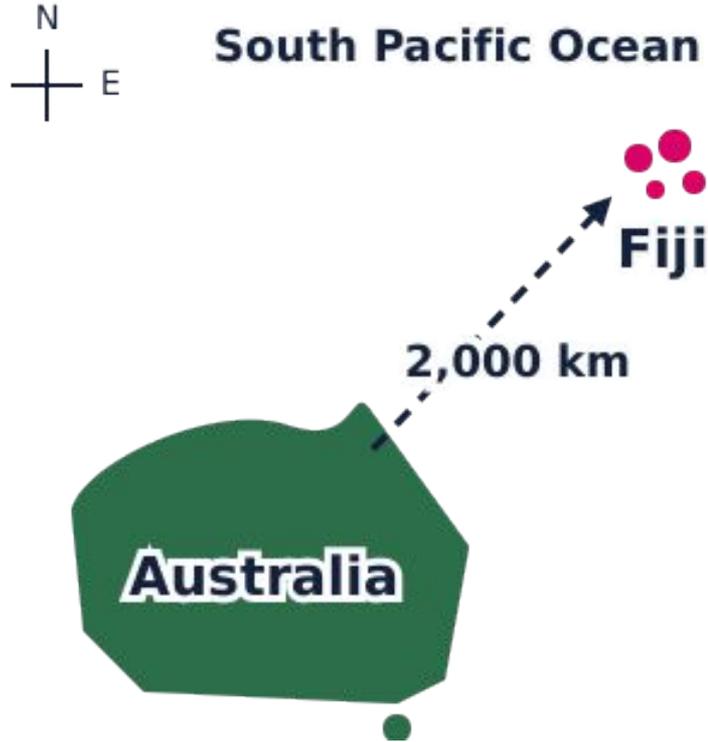
Related to volcanoes or formed by erupting lava.



Coral Reef

A rocky ridge made of tiny sea creatures in warm water.

Where is Fiji?



Finding Our Way

Fiji is an **archipelago** in the South Pacific Ocean. It is made up of over 300 islands!

Australia's Neighbour

Look north-east of Australia. Fiji sits about 2,000 kilometres away across the sea.

Where is Fiji?

Answers on the next slide...

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1. Indian Ocean

2. Atlantic Ocean

3. Southern Ocean

4. Pacific Ocean

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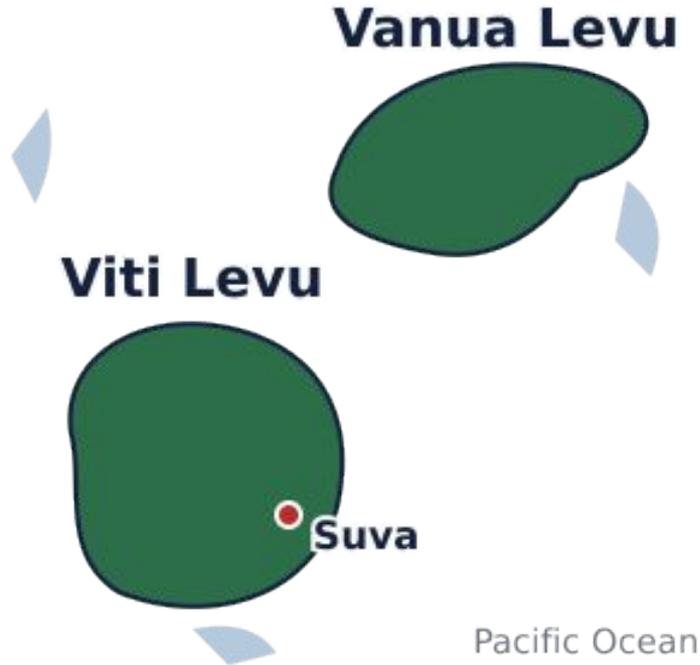
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The Two Main Islands



Viti Levu

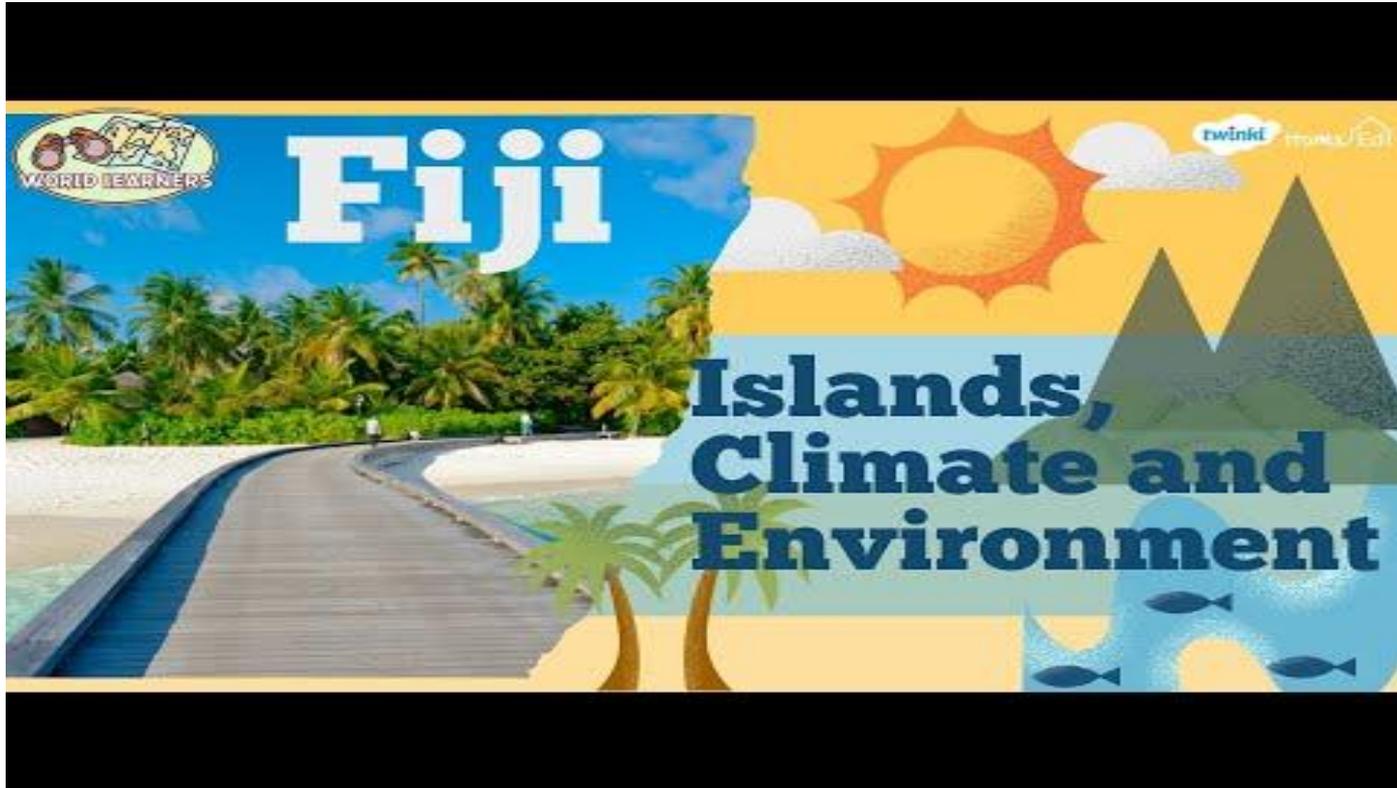
This is the biggest island. It is home to the capital city, Suva, and the international airport.

Vanua Levu

This is the second largest island. It has rugged mountains and lots of sugar cane farms.

Most Fijian people live on these two islands.

A Tour of Fiji



A Tropical Climate

Warm All Year

Fiji's tropical location near the equator means it's warm and humid year-round.

Seasons

- **Wet (Nov-Apr):** Warmer, heavy rain, possible cyclones.
- **Dry (May-Oct):** Cooler, less rain, sunny breezes.



True or False  

Fiji has a tropical climate with a wet season and a dry season.



TRUE



FALSE

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TRUE

That's right! Fiji is warm all year, but it has a wet season with lots of rain and a dry season with less rain.



Amazing Natural Landmarks

Mount Tomanivi

This is the highest mountain in Fiji. It is actually a **volcanic** peak that rises 1,324 metres above the ground!

The Great Sea Reef

Fiji is famous for its **coral reefs**. The Great Sea Reef is the third longest barrier reef in the world. It is home to thousands of fish and sea turtles.

Match the words with the pictures

1.

Mount Tomanivi

2.

Coral Reef

3.

Tropical Beach

4.

Volcanic Rock

a)



b)



c)



d)



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Volcanic Rock

Comparing Landforms



Fiji

Volcanic mountains, low coral atolls, and extensive reef systems characterize Fiji's landscape.



Australia features mountains (Great Dividing Range), deserts, and rock formations (Uluru).

Get creative

Design a Postcard

Imagine you have just arrived in Fiji! Draw a picture on one side of a postcard showing the landscape. You could draw the volcanic mountains, the blue coral reefs, or a tropical beach.

What you'll need:  

Paper, Coloured pencils or crayons



Summary

We have learned so much about Fiji today!

- Fiji is an **archipelago** in the South Pacific Ocean, north-east of Australia.
- The two main islands are **Viti Levu** and **Vanua Levu**.
- The **tropical climate** means it is warm with wet and dry seasons.
- The land has **volcanic** mountains and beautiful **coral reefs**.

