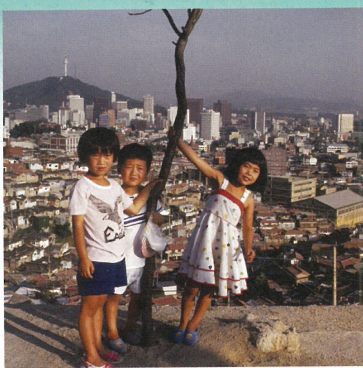


terrace fields of tea. Mount Fuji is the most famous mountain. It is an island as high. Tea is important in Japan as 'green tea' and often



▲ **South Korea.** Seoul has been the capital of Korea since 1392 – but is now only the capital of South Korea. These children are playing on one of the many hills in the city.

There are booming cities in the south of Japan, with highly skilled, hard-working people. Many of them live in the city suburbs and travel to work in overcrowded trains. Most Japanese families have small, space-saving homes. The main room is usually a living room by day, then the beds are unrolled for the night.

In southern Japan, rice is the main food crop. Some of the hillsides look like giant steps because they are terraced to make flat fields. But northern Japan has very cold winters.

JAPAN AND KOREA

Korea is sandwiched between China and Japan, and has often been ruled by one or other country. Since the end of the Korean War in 1953, it has been divided into two countries by a high fence that is well guarded. Find the border on the map.

North Korea is a communist country. It has lots of valuable minerals, but the people are poor.

South Korea is smaller but it has a lot more people. It has become rich and exports items such as ships, electronic goods, trainers and jeans.



PUZZLE

▼ **Decorations for a Buddhist festival in South Korea.**

- What are they?
- What are they made of?

(Answers on page 97.)

