



# Geography- What is Greece like today?



- Greece is a peninsula, which means that it is surrounded on three sides by water. Greece has a lot of smaller peninsulas sticking out from it, which means Greece enjoys many natural harbours. Greece is also covered with mountains.
- There are not huge mountains but if you are trying to go from place to place in Greece, you'll find the mountains a bit of a hindrance.
- Three thousand years ago, it was very difficult to get from place to place in ancient Greece by walking. But it was easy to get from place to place in Greece by boat.

- Greece is one of the oldest civilizations, dating back over 5000 years.
- Population: 10 million people.
- Geographic size: 51,000 square miles.
- Capital: Athens.
- Major cities and population: Athens, Patra, Piraeus, Larisa and Salonica.



Arctic Ocean

North Sea

Baltic Sea

Atlantic Ocean

**Greece**

Black Sea

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# Geographical features

- Much of Greece is mountainous and rocky terrain, with the occasional plain.
- The Pindus Mountains start in northern Greece and stretch south to the Gulf of Patra.
- In the southern part of Greece are the Peloponnesus Mountains.
- About 20% of Greece is made up of islands. Crete is a large island located in the Mediterranean Sea.
- It is a popular tourist area for its beautiful mountains, coastline, and many ancient ruins.
- Most of the people in Greece live along the coast, or along rivers and harbours.

# Major industry

- The land within Greece is not very productive for farming and the Greeks have struggled to build a strong economy. The standard of living in Greece is lower than other European countries. Manufacturing is becoming one of the key industries. Tourism is also very important, particularly along the Aegean Sea coast.
- Some farming includes wheat, fruits, vegetables, olives and grapes.
- Some areas support goat and sheep ranching.
- Fishing also continues to be an important industry.

# Population and culture

- Approximately 10 million people live in Greece and nearly all of the people in Greece are still of Greek decent. Two thirds of the population lives in urban areas such as Athens.
- Greek culture is still heavily influenced by its ancient history



# Climate

- Most of Greece has a mild climate. Summers are warm and dry, particularly in the southern coastal areas. Rain is heavy during the winter months, with some mountain areas getting snow.

- Your challenge, you will be creating a Greek Fact File Leaflet to all about Greece. Please focus on what Greece is like today, below are the key features and vocabulary that need to be included, use the PowerPoint and research online to find out everything you can about Greece. You will be using this to write a persuasive speech in your English activity to persuade your family that Greece is a perfect location for a holiday!
- Terrain
- Peninsula
- Mountainous (can you name and describe some mountains?)
- Climate
- Why is it a tourist attraction?
- What is in Greece?
- Can you describe where Greece is in comparison to Britain?
- Name its neighboring countries.
- Why is Greece a popular holiday resort for many British?