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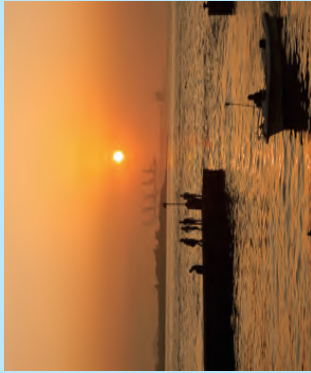
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台灣觀光地圖



Wulai  
烏來



Tamsui  
淡水



Yangmingshan National Park  
陽明山國家公園



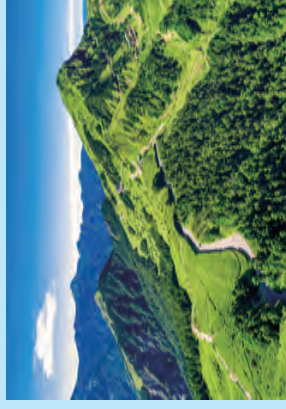
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野柳



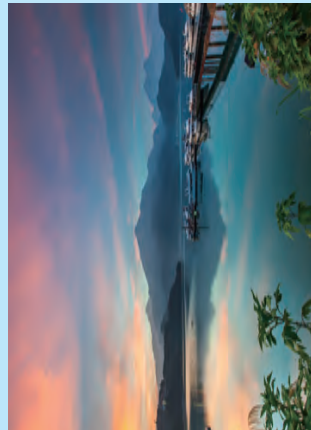
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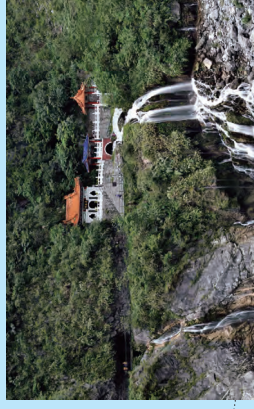
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高美濕地



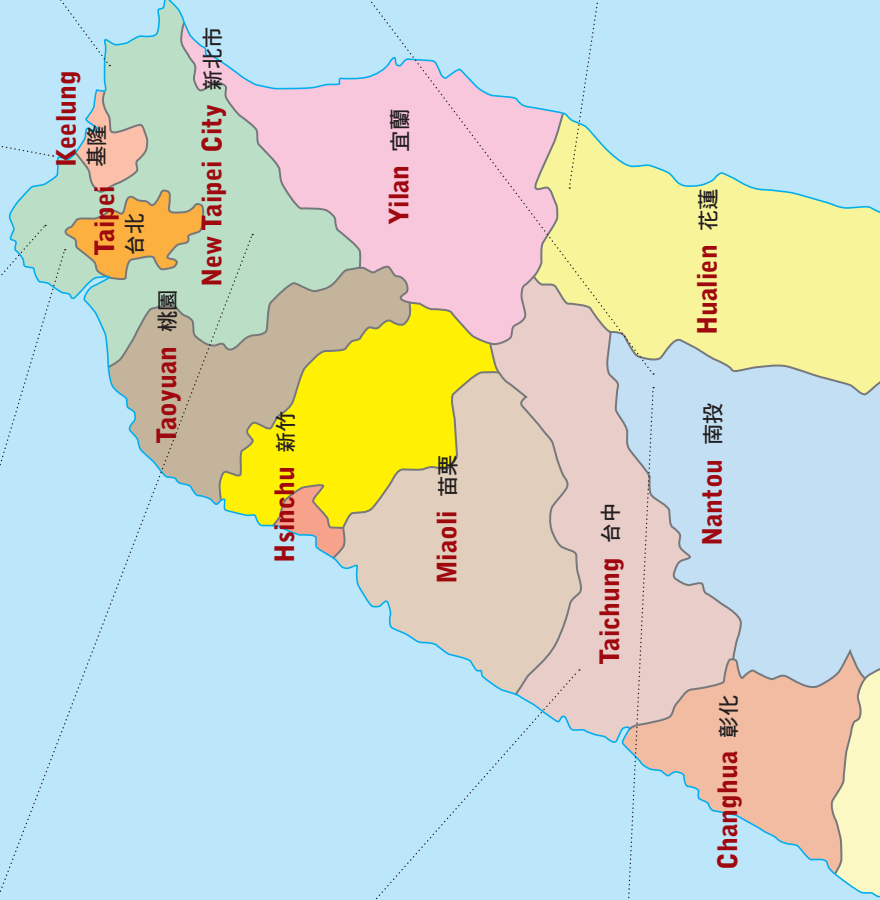
Hehuanshan  
合歡山



Sun Moon Lake  
日月潭



Taroko National Park  
太魯閣國家公園

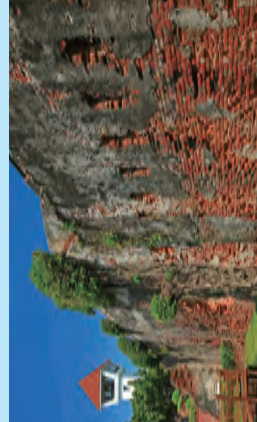




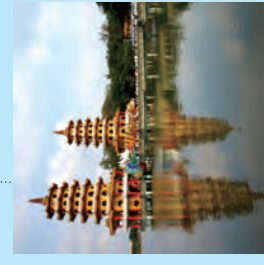
The Penghu Islands 澎湖



Alishan National Scenic Area 阿里山國家風景區



Anping Old Fort 安平古堡



Lotus Lake 蓮池潭



Yushan National Park 玉山國家公園



Huadong Valley 花東縱谷



↓ Kenting National Park 墾丁國家公園





# Unit 01 | Geography

## 地理



### Word Bank

**separate** v. 分隔  
**measure** v. 有多……  
(長、寬、高等)  
**roughly** ad. 大約  
**make up (of)**  
由……組成

**range** n. 山脈  
**in length** 長度  
**landslide** n. 山崩  
**poisonous** a.  
有毒的  
**glimpse** n. 一瞥

**Taiwan Blue Magpie**  
台灣藍鵲  
**encounter** v. 遇到  
**active** a. 活的(火山)  
**extinct** a. 死的(火山)  
**dormant** a. 休眠的

**soak** v. 浸泡  
**factory** n. 工廠  
**plenty of** 許多  
**concentrate** v.  
集中於  
**certain** a. 某些

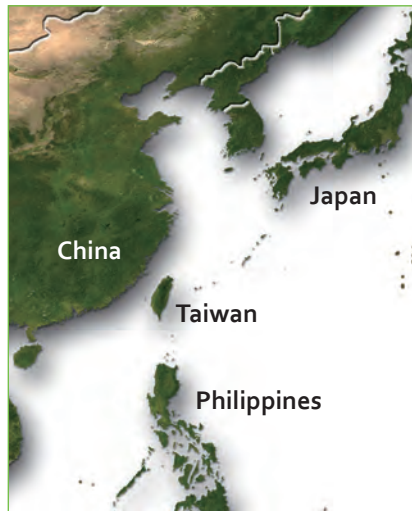
### Reading Passage



Taiwan is an island in East Asia that lies between the Philippines and Japan. It is very close to mainland China. Taiwan and China are **separated** by the Taiwan Strait, which is only 220 kilometers at its widest point and 130 kilometers at its narrowest point. Taiwan **measures** about 36,000 square kilometers, which is **roughly** the same size as the Netherlands. It is **made up of** one main island and several other smaller islands, such as the Penghu Islands, Orchid Island, and Green Island. When people say “Taiwan,” they usually mean all of these islands put together. The main island is also known as Formosa. When Portuguese sailors first discovered the island nearly five hundred years ago, they called it “Ilha Formosa,” which means “beautiful island.”

The island is very mountainous. Yushan (Mount Jade) is 3,952 meters tall, making it the highest mountain in Northeast Asia. The middle part of the island is covered by the Central Mountain **Range**. This massive range of mountains is 340 kilometers **in length**. Taiwan’s mountain roads have lots of beautiful scenery. However, drivers must be careful on these roads as there are sometimes **landslides**.

Many of Taiwan’s mountains are covered in thick forests. These forests are home to many interesting plants and animals. There are several



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Taiwan's **Yushan** (Mount Jade) is the highest mountain in East Asia. 台灣的玉山是東亞第一高峰。



**Beautiful Sun Moon Lake**  
美麗的日月潭

↓ Taiwan is home to many bird species. 台灣有很多本土特有鳥類。



different kinds of snakes. Some of them are very **poisonous**. But, visitors are unlikely to see them. It is also very hard to catch a **glimpse** of Taiwan's black bears. Visitors may have a better chance of seeing birds. There are many bird species which are only found in Taiwan. The **Taiwan Blue Magpie**, for example, can now be seen in some scenic spots. It has a very long tail. Some can be about 65 centimeters in length. Because they aren't afraid of people, visitors may have a chance to **encounter** these beautiful birds.

Many millions of years ago, Taiwan was home to **active** volcanoes. Today, they are either **extinct** or **dormant**. But, that doesn't mean that they can't provide hot water for Taiwan's hot springs! Most of Taiwan's hot springs are found in the mountains. Taiwanese people like to **soak** in hot spring waters because they are good for your health.



↑ **Mt. Qixing** 七星山 in Yangmingshan National Park is an extinct volcano.

陽明山國家公園的七星山是一座死火山。

### Quiz

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1. Where is Taiwan?
2. How big is it?
3. Name the highest mountain in Taiwan.
4. What animals are very poisonous? Are people likely to see them?
5. Why do Taiwanese people go to hot springs?





Ethan So, tell me about Taiwan.

Laura It's an island in East Asia that is off the coast of mainland China.

Taiwan was once called **Formosa**, which means "beautiful" in Portuguese. 台灣曾被稱為福爾摩沙，在葡萄牙文裡是「美麗的」的意思。

Ethan How big is it?

Laura It measures 36,000 square kilometers. It's roughly the same size as the Netherlands.

Ethan Why's it called Formosa?

Laura Portuguese sailors called it that when they discovered it nearly 500 years ago. It means "beautiful" in Portuguese.

Ethan Is it still beautiful? I heard there are lots of **factories** there now.

Laura The mountains are still beautiful, and there are still **plenty of** nice places on the plains as well. Most of the factories are **concentrated in certain** areas. Have you been to Yangmingshan National Park?

Ethan I've been trying to find the time. I heard it's beautiful.

Laura It is. We're lucky that it's so close to Taipei.

Ethan Tell me a little about what it's like.

Laura Well, it's a place where you can be close to nature, so it's great for walking around. There are lots of paths and several tourist centers.

Ethan I hear you can also visit some hot springs where the water is always warm.

Laura Yes, millions of years ago this area was full of volcanoes. They are not so active now, but they can still give us hot water. Just remember to try and go during the week.

Ethan And I imagine it's best to go early. Those springs get pretty crowded, eh?

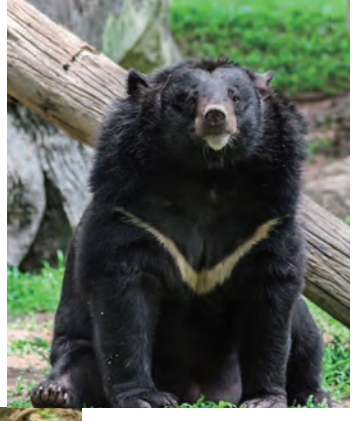
Laura Yes. The hot springs in Yangmingshan attract a lot of visitors.

← Hot Spring in Yangmingshan National Park  
陽明山國家公園的溫泉



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← Pointed-Scaled Pit Viper  
龜殼花



↑ Formosan Black Bear  
台灣黑熊

↓ Formosan Rock Macaque  
台灣獼猴



← Formosan Sika Deer  
台灣梅花鹿

→ Birdwing Butterfly  
珠光黃裳鳳蝶



# Animals

## Endemic to Taiwan



Taiwan Blue Magpie  
台灣藍鵲



Swinhoe's Pheasant  
台灣藍腹鷓



Vivid Niltava  
棕腹藍仙鶺



Mikado Pheasant  
帝雉



→ Formosan Landlocked Salmon  
櫻花鉤吻鮭

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## Practice

### 01 | Listening 03

Listen to the sentences describing something in Taiwan. Check the thing that you think is being referred to each time.

- Central Mountain Range       Taiwan Blue Magpie
- Hot springs       Volcanoes
- Snakes       Black bears
- The Penghu Islands       Yangmingshan National Park

### 02 | Reading

Choose the correct answer.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What does the Portuguese phrase “Ilha Formosa” mean?  
(A) Beautiful island.      (B) Lonely mountain.  
(C) Dangerous animal.      (D) Blue sea.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which country is roughly the same size as Taiwan?  
(A) China.    (B) India.    (C) England.    (D) The Netherlands.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which of the following is NOT true about Taiwan?  
(A) Taiwan is made up of one big island and several other small islands.  
(B) Taiwan is very mountainous.  
(C) Taiwan has many volcanoes which are still active.  
(D) Many interesting plants and animals can be seen in Taiwan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What separates Taiwan from China?  
(A) The Central Mountain Range.      (B) The Taiwan Strait.  
(C) The Philippines.      (D) Green Island.

### 03 | Writing

Unscramble the sentences.

1. the / Taiwan / China / Taiwan Strait / and / are / separated / by  
Taiwan and China are separated by the Taiwan Strait.

2. Yushan / the / mountain / East Asia / is / in / highest  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. is / afraid / people / The / Blue / Taiwan / of / Magpie / not  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. to / springs / love / Visitors / in / Yangmingshan's / soak / hot  
\_\_\_\_\_