

Knowledge organiser Year 2 The Caribbean

Key vocabulary

Island	A body of land surrounded by water
Beach	A pebbly or sandy shore
Caribbean	The region consisting of the Caribbean Sea and its islands
Rainforest	A dense forest rich in biodiversity found in tropical areas
Climate	Weather conditions in a particular area
Sea	An expanse of salt water
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the earth
Mountain	A large natural elevation of the earth's surface
River	A large natural stream of water flowing to the sea
Cuba	A main island country in the Caribbean
Haiti	A main island country in the Caribbean
Jamaica	A main island country in the Caribbean
Puerto Rico	A main island country in the Caribbean

Map of the Caribbean



Flags of the Caribbean countries



Key facts

The Caribbean is made up of more than 7,000 islands. Most of them are surrounded by sea.
The islands in the Caribbean are also sometimes referred to as the West Indies.
In the Caribbean there are over 500 species of birds.
The most populated countries in the Caribbean are Haiti and the Dominican Republic, as well as Cuba.
The name Caribbean comes from Carib.
There are lots of coral reefs, mountains, tropical forests, valleys, waterfalls and volcanoes in the Caribbean.

Important people



Christopher Columbus
Explorer and navigator



Sir Francis Drake
Explorer

The equator

