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Definition of ISLAND

1 :
a tract of land surrounded by water and smaller than a continent

2 :
something resembling an island especially in its isolated or surrounded position: such as

a
:
a usually raised area within a thoroughfare, parking lot, or driveway used especially to separate or direct traffic

b
:



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a superstructure on the deck of a ship (such as an aircraft carrier)

c

:

a kitchen counter that is approachable from all sides

3

:

an isolated group or area; *especially*

:

an isolated ethnological group

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Examples of ISLAND in a Sentence

He lives on an *island* in the Caribbean.

the *island* of Hawaii is the largest in the Hawaiian archipelago



Did You Know?

The words *island* and *isle* are etymologically distinct. *Island* can be traced back to Old English *īgland*, composed of two elements *īg* and *land*. *Land*, as we might expect means “land,” but *īg* means “island” in Old English. In a sense, then, *īgland* is “island-land.” The English *isle*, on the other hand, is derived through medieval French from the Latin *insula*. In the 16th century, under the influence of *isle*, the letter s was added to *iland*, the earlier form of *island*. The verb *island* did not appear until the 17th century.

Origin and Etymology of ISLAND

alteration (influenced by Anglo-French *isle*) of earlier *iland*, from Middle English, from Old English *īgland* (akin to Old Norse *eyland*), from *īg* island (akin to Old English *ēa* river, Latin *aqua*



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verb | is·land

Definition of ISLAND

transitive verb

1 a



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to make into or as if into an island

b

:

to dot with or as if with **islands**

2 :

ISOLATE

First Known Use of ISLAND

1661

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Definition of ISLAND for Students



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: an area of land surrounded by water and smaller than a continent

- 2 : something like an island in its isolation • We have a counter *island* in our kitchen.

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Medical Definition of ISLAND

: an isolated anatomical structure, tissue, or group of cells

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