## Pacific Islands

There are thousands of islands in the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. Most of the islands are very far away from any \_\_\_\_\_. They do not make up a continent. Some islands are very , but others are tiny piles of rock or sand that are only just above \_\_\_\_\_.

> Hawaii is a state in the United States. There are

on the islands.

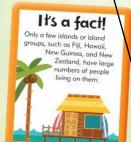
The land and weather are different across the Pacific Islands. Many of the islands have white-sand and swaying palm trees.

The Marshall Islands is a country made of dozens of

The imaginary line called the

goes through the Pacific





New Guinea is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pacific region and the second largest on Earth.

Easter Island is famous for its large stone

\_\_\_\_\_. People carved them hundreds of years ago. More than 600 of them are on the island.

Some islands have hot, thick \_\_\_\_\_ or snow covered mountain peaks. Animals, like this Hawaiian honeycreeper bird, live on many of the islands.

