



1692: Port Royal was destroyed by an earthquake, leading to the establishment of Kingston (Jamaica)



## The city of Kingston, Jamaica

Kingston is the capital of Jamaica as well as its largest city. It is actually Jamaica's third capital: Spanish Town was the first, established in 1534, and Port Royal the second, established in 1655 by the British. Kingston was founded in 1692 as a place for survivors of the earthquake that destroyed Port Royal.

It is currently the seat of government in the country and the island's business capital.

Jamaica is the largest English-speaking island in the Caribbean and Kingston is the seventh largest natural harbour in the world. The first commercial flight into Kingston was a Pan Am seaplane which landed in the Norman Manley International Airport, bordered by the Palisadoes, in 1930. The city is also known for its botanical gardens, the largest in the Caribbean; at 2,000 acres, Hope Gardens are home to many rare indigenous plants and the Coconut Museum.

Kingston is also the birthplace of a local iconic fast food: the Jamaican patty, a pastry that contains various spiced fillings such as chicken, pork, lamb, and vegetables.

### Teaching ideas

☆☆☆ **CYCLE 3** - Give each student a different picture of the city of Kingston (the harbour, the Palisadoes, or the botanical gardens). Ask them to describe their picture to the classmate(s) sitting next to them so that they can draw pictures, following their classmate's description.