

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico was discovered by Christopher Columbus on 17th November, 1493. He sailed his boat into a bay where he found springs of pure water, which was much needed on his ships. This place he named Aguadilla, which means 'the watering place.'

Puerto Rico is a very beautiful island. Its climate and scenery attract many visitors, and it has always been a popular winter holiday for people from many countries.

Flowers bloom and trees grow fruit all year round. There is no winter, but during the season which is our winter, their skies are beautifully clear and blue.

There are two seasons: the rainy and the dry. The rainy season lasts from July to December, and the dry season lasts from January to June. In August and September, it is very hot and humid. In September and October, the rain falls heavily in the late afternoon.



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Puerto Rico Answers

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Accept reasonable answers relating to his need for clean water, e.g.:

- **Excited - that he had found pure water springs that were much needed.**
- **Relieved - that they had finally found clean water because they did not have enough on the ships.**
- **Joyful - because they had finally found pure water.**

Do not accept:

- **Happy - that they had found land.**

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- **clear**
- **blue**