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| Mali Exercises | about-the-world.org/3167 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (A) | Bamako | (1) | vast desert in North Africa |
| (D) | Festival au Désert | (2) | major river in West Africa |
| (E) | Mangroves | (3) | grassy plains in tropical regions |
| (I) | Timbuktu | (4) | historic city in Mali |
| (M) | Sahara Desert | (5) | major ethnic group in Mali |
| (O) | Niger River | (6) | capital city of Mali |
| (T) | Savannas | (7) | traditional West African stringed instrument |
| (T) | Kora | (8) | tropical coastal vegetation |
| (V) | Bambara | (9) | famous desert festival in Mali |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (B) | Mali is located ... | (1) | ... in West Africa. |
| (C) | Cotton and millet are ... | (2) | ... Mali’s north. |
| (I) | The Sahara Desert is in ... | (3) | ... Niger River. |
| (I) | The Kora is a popular ... | (4) | ... Mali’s main crops. |
| (S) | Bamako lies on the ... | (5) | ... renowned Malian musician. |
| (T) | Mali’s southern region ... | (6) | ... Malian instrument. |
| (U) | Ali Farka Touré is a ... | (7) | ... has mangroves. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Mali’s climate in the north? |
| (N) | very hot and dry |
| (R) | cold and snowy |
| (V) | humid and tropical |
| 2. | What major river flows through Mali? |
| (A) | Nile River |
| (S) | Congo River |
| (U) | Niger River |
| 3. | Which city was crucial in Mali’s history? |
| (M) | Timbuktu |
| (N) | Dakar |
| (R) | Bamako |
| 4. | What is a primary product of Mali’s agriculture? |
| (B) | cotton |
| (R) | wheat |
| (V) | rice |
| 5. | Who is a famous musician from Mali? |
| (A) | Youssou N’Dour |
| (E) | Ali Farka Touré |
| (S) | Fela Kuti |
| 6. | What kind of vegetation is in northern Mali? |
| (A) | tropical rainforest |
| (R) | desert vegetation |
| (V) | mountainous flora |

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| **Keyword**: | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (C) | (V) | 1. Mali shares borders with seven countries. |
| (F) | (H) | 2. The Sahara Desert is in southern Mali. |
| (R) | (U) | 3. Bamako is Mali’s smallest city. |
| (R) | (S) | 4. Timbuktu was important for trade and education. |
| (C) | (T) | 5. Mali’s economy heavily relies on agriculture. |
| (A) | (H) | 6. Mali is known for its snowy climate. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What is Mali’s population approximately?

What are Mali’s three climate zones?

What type of city is Bamako?

What is Mali’s role in historical empires?

What is the Kora?

What kind of wildlife is found in Mali?

What are Mali’s national parks known for?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Mali**

**Match terms**

Sahara Desert = vast desert in North Africa

Niger River = major river in West Africa

Savannas = grassy plains in tropical regions

Timbuktu = historic city in Mali

Bambara = major ethnic group in Mali

Bamako = capital city of Mali

Kora = traditional West African stringed instrument

Mangroves = tropical coastal vegetation

Festival au Désert = famous desert festival in Mali

Keyword: MOTIVATED

**Complete sentences**

Mali is located | in West Africa.

The Sahara Desert is in | Mali’s north.

Bamako lies on the | Niger River.

Cotton and millet are | Mali’s main crops.

Ali Farka Touré is a | renowned Malian musician.

The Kora is a popular | Malian instrument.

Mali’s southern region | has mangroves.

Keyword: BISCUIT

**Questions**

What is Mali’s climate in the north?

very hot and dry

What major river flows through Mali?

Niger River

Which city was crucial in Mali’s history?

Timbuktu

What is a primary product of Mali’s agriculture?

cotton

Who is a famous musician from Mali?

Ali Farka Touré

What kind of vegetation is in northern Mali?

desert vegetation

Keyword: NUMBER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Mali shares borders with seven countries.

4. Timbuktu was important for trade and education.

5. Mali’s economy heavily relies on agriculture.

wrong

6. Mali is known for its snowy climate.

2. The Sahara Desert is in southern Mali.

3. Bamako is Mali’s smallest city.

Keyword: CHURCH

**Solution sheet 2**

**Mali**

**Questions and answers**

What is Mali’s population approximately?

Mali’s population is about 20 million people.

What are Mali’s three climate zones?

Mali has hot and dry, savanna, and humid climates.

What type of city is Bamako?

Bamako is a populous capital city on the Niger River.

What is Mali’s role in historical empires?

Mali was part of the Ghana, Mali, and Songhai empires.

What is the Kora?

The Kora is a traditional stringed instrument in Mali.

What kind of wildlife is found in Mali?

Mali’s wildlife includes elephants and lions.

What are Mali’s national parks known for?

Mali’s national parks are known for diverse flora and fauna.