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| Tajikistan Exercises | about-the-world.org/3265 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Dushanbe | (1) | hot summers, cold winters |
| (E) | Nowruz festival | (2) | high peaks, in Tajikistan |
| (E) | Agricultural economy | (3) | capital, economic center of Tajikistan |
| (M) | Literacy rate | (4) | language similar to Persian |
| (N) | Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic | (5) | Persian New Year celebration |
| (S) | Continental climate | (6) | measure of reading, writing ability |
| (T) | Pamir mountains | (7) | relies on farming, cotton |
| (T) | Tajik | (8) | founded in 1929 |
| (T) | Remittances | (9) | money sent by workers abroad |

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| **Keyword:** | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Dushanbe is known for its ... | (1) | ... with Afghanistan and China. |
| (A) | Nowruz is a major ... | (2) | ... vibrant bazaar. |
| (C) | Tajikistan shares a border ... | (3) | ... landscape. |
| (I) | Tajikistan’s economy relies ... | (4) | ... heavily on agriculture. |
| (L) | Education is highly valued ... | (5) | ... in Tajikistan. |
| (P) | Mountains dominate Tajikistan’s ... | (6) | ... festival in Tajikistan. |
| (T) | The Pamir mountains are ... | (7) | ... in Tajikistan. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of Tajikistan? |
| (E) | Dushanbe |
| (R) | Bishkek |
| (V) | Samarkand |
| 2. | What range runs through Tajikistan? |
| (A) | Andes |
| (M) | Pamir mountains |
| (S) | Himalayas |
| 3. | What is the main language in Tajikistan? |
| (B) | Tajik |
| (N) | Uzbek |
| (R) | Russian |
| 4. | Which festival is important in Tajikistan? |
| (L) | Nowruz festival |
| (R) | Christmas |
| (V) | Diwali |
| 5. | What is Tajikistan’s economy based on? |
| (A) | Tourism |
| (E) | Agriculture |
| (S) | Technology |
| 6. | What was Tajikistan a part of before independence? |
| (M) | Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic |
| (R) | British Empire |
| (V) | Ottoman Empire |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (P) | (V) | 1. Tajikistan gained independence in 1991. |
| (F) | (L) | 2. Tajikistan borders only Afghanistan and China. |
| (R) | (A) | 3. Russian is the primary language of Tajikistan. |
| (N) | (R) | 4. Dushanbe is the capital of Tajikistan. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Tajikistan is located in Central Asia. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. Cotton is a minor export of Tajikistan. |

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| **Keyword:** | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What type of climate does Tajikistan have?

What does the Pamir mountain range offer?

What is the main export product of Tajikistan?

How does Tajikistan’s economy benefit from its citizens abroad?

What is the literacy rate in Tajikistan?

What is the influence on Tajikistan’s culture?

What happened to Tajikistan in the 1990s?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Tajikistan**

**Match terms**

Continental climate = hot summers, cold winters

Pamir mountains = high peaks, in Tajikistan

Dushanbe = capital, economic center of Tajikistan

Tajik = language similar to Persian

Nowruz festival = Persian New Year celebration

Literacy rate = measure of reading, writing ability

Agricultural economy = relies on farming, cotton

Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic = founded in 1929

Remittances = money sent by workers abroad

Keyword: STATEMENT

**Complete sentences**

Tajikistan shares a border | with Afghanistan and China.

Dushanbe is known for its | vibrant bazaar.

Mountains dominate Tajikistan’s | landscape.

Tajikistan’s economy relies | heavily on agriculture.

The Pamir mountains are | in Tajikistan.

Nowruz is a major | festival in Tajikistan.

Education is highly valued | in Tajikistan.

Keyword: CAPITAL

**Questions**

What is the capital of Tajikistan?

Dushanbe

What range runs through Tajikistan?

Pamir mountains

What is the main language in Tajikistan?

Tajik

Which festival is important in Tajikistan?

Nowruz festival

What is Tajikistan’s economy based on?

Agriculture

What was Tajikistan a part of before independence?

Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic

Keyword: EMBLEM

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Tajikistan gained independence in 1991.

4. Dushanbe is the capital of Tajikistan.

5. Tajikistan is located in Central Asia.

wrong

6. Cotton is a minor export of Tajikistan.

2. Tajikistan borders only Afghanistan and China.

3. Russian is the primary language of Tajikistan.

Keyword: PLANET

**Solution sheet 2**

**Tajikistan**

**Questions and answers**

What type of climate does Tajikistan have?

Tajikistan has a continental climate with hot summers and cold winters.

What does the Pamir mountain range offer?

The Pamir mountain range offers opportunities for trekking and mountaineering.

What is the main export product of Tajikistan?

Cotton is the main export product of Tajikistan.

How does Tajikistan’s economy benefit from its citizens abroad?

Tajikistan’s economy benefits from remittances sent by its citizens working abroad.

What is the literacy rate in Tajikistan?

The literacy rate in Tajikistan is relatively high.

What is the influence on Tajikistan’s culture?

Tajikistan’s culture is strongly influenced by Persian culture.

What happened to Tajikistan in the 1990s?

Tajikistan experienced a severe civil war in the 1990s.