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| Switzerland Exercises | about-the-world.org/3127 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Landlocked | (1) | administrative divisions in Switzerland |
| (A) | Federal Palace | (2) | no access to the ocean |
| (C) | Cantons | (3) | warm, dry summers and mild winters |
| (D) | Confederation | (4) | union of groups or states |
| (D) | Pharmaceuticals | (5) | non-participation in conflicts |
| (E) | Confectionery | (6) | medicines and medical drugs |
| (I) | Neutrality | (7) | Swiss government’s seat |
| (N) | Mediterranean climate | (8) | science of measuring time |
| (T) | Horology | (9) | art of making sweets |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Bern, with its old town, ... | (1) | ... and France. |
| (B) | Swiss chocolate is known ... | (2) | ... is the capital. |
| (C) | Switzerland borders Germany ... | (3) | ... for its quality. |
| (E) | Switzerland’s neutrality is well-known ... | (4) | ... mountain climate. |
| (I) | The Alps have a cold ... | (5) | ... recognized. |
| (N) | Swiss watches are globally ... | (6) | ... worldwide. |
| (T) | The country’s economy is ... | (7) | ... extremely strong. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What climate does northern Switzerland have? |
| (F) | temperate |
| (R) | arid |
| (V) | tropical |
| 2. | What is Switzerland known for in the watch industry? |
| (A) | digital technology |
| (I) | precision and quality |
| (S) | inexpensive watches |
| 3. | Where is the Federal Palace located? |
| (M) | Geneva |
| (N) | Bern |
| (R) | Zurich |
| 4. | What is the Swiss Confederation’s founding year? |
| (G) | 1291 |
| (R) | 1789 |
| (V) | 1492 |
| 5. | What type of product is Switzerland famous for? |
| (A) | wine |
| (E) | chocolate |
| (S) | tea |
| 6. | Which river flows through Bern? |
| (A) | Rhine |
| (R) | Aare |
| (V) | Thames |

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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. Switzerland is a landlocked country in Central Europe. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Switzerland has a coastline along the Mediterranean. |
| (R) | (M) | 3. French is the only official language of Switzerland. |
| (E) | (R) | 4. Bern is the capital city of Switzerland. |
| (R) | (T) | 5. Swiss watches are renowned for their precision. |
| (E) | (A) | 6. Switzerland was actively involved in the Second World War. |

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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 are the four official languages of Switzerland?

What is the significance of the Alps in Switzerland?

How does Switzerland’s location affect its climate?

Why is Switzerland’s economy considered strong?

How does Switzerland contribute to international peace?

What role did Switzerland play in the Second World War?

Why is Swiss chocolate well-regarded globally?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Switzerland**

**Match terms**

Cantons = administrative divisions in Switzerland

Landlocked = no access to the ocean

Mediterranean climate = warm, dry summers and mild winters

Confederation = union of groups or states

Neutrality = non-participation in conflicts

Pharmaceuticals = medicines and medical drugs

Federal Palace = Swiss government’s seat

Horology = science of measuring time

Confectionery = art of making sweets

Keyword: CANDIDATE

**Complete sentences**

Switzerland borders Germany | and France.

Bern, with its old town, | is the capital.

Swiss chocolate is known | for its quality.

The Alps have a cold | mountain climate.

Swiss watches are globally | recognized.

Switzerland’s neutrality is well-known | worldwide.

The country’s economy is | extremely strong.

Keyword: CABINET

**Questions**

What climate does northern Switzerland have?

temperate

What is Switzerland known for in the watch industry?

precision and quality

Where is the Federal Palace located?

Bern

What is the Swiss Confederation’s founding year?

1291

What type of product is Switzerland famous for?

chocolate

Which river flows through Bern?

Aare

Keyword: FINGER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Switzerland is a landlocked country in Central Europe.

4. Bern is the capital city of Switzerland.

5. Swiss watches are renowned for their precision.

wrong

6. Switzerland was actively involved in the Second World War.

2. Switzerland has a coastline along the Mediterranean.

3. French is the only official language of Switzerland.

Keyword: CAMERA

**Solution sheet 2**

**Switzerland**

**Questions and answers**

What are the four official languages of Switzerland?

German, French, Italian, and Romansh are the official languages.

What is the significance of the Alps in Switzerland?

The Alps are known for their beautiful landscapes and tourism.

How does Switzerland’s location affect its climate?

The landlocked position leads to varied climate zones.

Why is Switzerland’s economy considered strong?

Its economy is strong due to sectors like pharmaceuticals and finance.

How does Switzerland contribute to international peace?

Switzerland hosts organizations like the Red Cross, promoting peace.

What role did Switzerland play in the Second World War?

Switzerland maintained neutrality during the Second World War.

Why is Swiss chocolate well-regarded globally?

Swiss chocolate is known for its high quality and tradition.