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| Belgium Exercises | about-the-world.org/3098 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | NATO headquarters | (1) | moderately wet weather with mild summers and cool winters |
| (E) | Flanders | (2) | geographical region where Belgium is located |
| (I) | European Union | (3) | climate characterized by mild temperatures |
| (L) | Tomorrowland | (4) | Dutch-speaking region in Belgium |
| (N) | Wallonia | (5) | French-speaking region in Belgium |
| (O) | Western Europe | (6) | Belgium becoming a sovereign nation in 1830 |
| (P) | Maritime climate | (7) | political and economic union, Belgium as a founding member |
| (T) | Temperate climate | (8) | located in Brussels, Belgium |
| (T) | Independence | (9) | famous electronic music festival held in Belgium |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (C) | Belgium’s national holiday is celebrated ... | (1) | ... and Germany. |
| (E) | Brussels is the capital and political center ... | (2) | ... of the European Union. |
| (E) | Halloween is becoming more popular ... | (3) | ... speaks French. |
| (L) | Flanders speaks Dutch, while Wallonia ... | (4) | ... on July 21st. |
| (M) | Belgian beer is renowned for its ... | (5) | ... in Europe. |
| (O) | Antwerp’s port is one of the largest ... | (6) | ... many varieties. |
| (W) | Belgium shares borders with France, Luxembourg, ... | (7) | ... in Belgium. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of Belgium? |
| (R) | Liege |
| (T) | Brussels |
| (V) | Antwerp |
| 2. | Which language is not officially spoken in Belgium? |
| (A) | French |
| (S) | Dutch |
| (U) | Italian |
| 3. | What type of climate does Belgium have? |
| (M) | Desert |
| (N) | Temperate maritime |
| (R) | Tropical |
| 4. | Which festival is famous in Belgium? |
| (N) | Tomorrowland |
| (R) | Glastonbury |
| (V) | Coachella |
| 5. | What is Belgium known for producing? |
| (A) | Coffee |
| (E) | Chocolate |
| (S) | Tea |
| 6. | Which body has its headquarters in Brussels? |
| (L) | NATO |
| (R) | UNESCO |
| (V) | WHO |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (L) | (V) | 1. Belgium has three official languages: Dutch, French, and German. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Belgium became independent in 1950. |
| (R) | (P) | 3. The capital of Belgium is Antwerp. |
| (T) | (R) | 4. Belgium is a founding member of the European Union. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. The North Sea is Belgium’s western border. |
| (A) | (P) | 6. Belgium has a desert climate. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What are the three official languages of Belgium?

Where is Belgium located?

What is the climate like in Belgium?

What is Tomorrowland?

What is unique about the port of Antwerp?

What is celebrated on July 21 in Belgium?

What is a well-known Belgian culinary specialty?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Belgium**

**Match terms**

Maritime climate = moderately wet weather with mild summers and cool winters

Western Europe = geographical region where Belgium is located

Temperate climate = climate characterized by mild temperatures

Flanders = Dutch-speaking region in Belgium

Wallonia = French-speaking region in Belgium

Independence = Belgium becoming a sovereign nation in 1830

European Union = political and economic union, Belgium as a founding member

NATO headquarters = located in Brussels, Belgium

Tomorrowland = famous electronic music festival held in Belgium

Keyword: POTENTIAL

**Complete sentences**

Belgium shares borders with France, Luxembourg, | and Germany.

Brussels is the capital and political center | of the European Union.

Flanders speaks Dutch, while Wallonia | speaks French.

Belgium’s national holiday is celebrated | on July 21st.

Antwerp’s port is one of the largest | in Europe.

Belgian beer is renowned for its | many varieties.

Halloween is becoming more popular | in Belgium.

Keyword: WELCOME

**Questions**

What is the capital of Belgium?

Brussels

Which language is not officially spoken in Belgium?

Italian

What type of climate does Belgium have?

Temperate maritime

Which festival is famous in Belgium?

Tomorrowland

What is Belgium known for producing?

Chocolate

Which body has its headquarters in Brussels?

NATO

Keyword: TUNNEL

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Belgium has three official languages: Dutch, French, and German.

4. Belgium is a founding member of the European Union.

5. The North Sea is Belgium’s western border.

wrong

6. Belgium has a desert climate.

2. Belgium became independent in 1950.

3. The capital of Belgium is Antwerp.

Keyword: LAPTOP

**Solution sheet 2**

**Belgium**

**Questions and answers**

What are the three official languages of Belgium?

Belgium’s official languages are Dutch, French, and German.

Where is Belgium located?

Belgium is located in Western Europe.

What is the climate like in Belgium?

Belgium has a temperate, maritime climate with mild summers and cool winters.

What is Tomorrowland?

Tomorrowland is a world-famous electronic music festival held in Belgium.

What is unique about the port of Antwerp?

The port of Antwerp is one of the largest in Europe.

What is celebrated on July 21 in Belgium?

July 21 is the national holiday of Belgium.

What is a well-known Belgian culinary specialty?

Belgium is famous for its waffles, fries, and chocolate.