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| Niger Exercises | about-the-world.org/3173 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Desert | (1) | grassy plain in tropical regions |
| (B) | Savannah | (2) | extremely dry, barren area |
| (I) | Acacia | (3) | capital of Niger |
| (L) | Niamey | (4) | historic West African empire |
| (L) | Songhai Empire | (5) | ethnic group in Niger |
| (N) | Baobab | (6) | traditional West African instrument |
| (O) | Kora | (7) | type of tree in savannah |
| (P) | Zarma | (8) | large tree with thick trunk |
| (T) | Literacy rate | (9) | percentage of literate people |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Acacias and baobabs are ... | (1) | ... West Africa. |
| (E) | Niger’s north experiences ... | (2) | ... the Niger River. |
| (F) | Niger is located in ... | (3) | ... Niger’s history. |
| (M) | Niger’s economy relies ... | (4) | ... desert climate. |
| (O) | Niamey is situated on ... | (5) | ... common in Niger. |
| (R) | The Songhai Empire influenced ... | (6) | ... the Kora. |
| (R) | Traditional music includes ... | (7) | ... heavily on agriculture. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Niger’s climate primarily? |
| (R) | temperate |
| (S) | dry |
| (V) | humid |
| 2. | What is the official language of Niger? |
| (A) | English |
| (P) | French |
| (S) | Hausa |
| 3. | Where is Niamey located? |
| (I) | on the Niger River |
| (N) | near the Atlantic Ocean |
| (R) | in the Sahara Desert |
| 4. | What type of vegetation is common in Niger? |
| (A) | tundra |
| (R) | savannah |
| (V) | rainforest |
| 5. | What is a major influence on Niger’s history? |
| (A) | Ottoman Empire |
| (I) | Songhai Empire |
| (S) | Roman Empire |
| 6. | What is a popular instrument in Nigerien music? |
| (R) | Piano |
| (T) | Kora |
| (V) | Guitar |

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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 |  |
| (S) | (V) | 1. Niger borders seven countries. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Niger is the largest country in Africa. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Niger has a predominantly wet climate. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. French is the official language of Niger. |
| (A) | (T) | 5. Niger’s economy is predominantly agricultural. |
| (A) | (L) | 6. The literacy rate in Niger is high. |

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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 is Niger’s capital?

What is the predominant climate in northern Niger?

What major river flows through Niger?

What is a common tree in Niger’s savannah?

What is the main economic activity in Niger?

What is a significant challenge in Niger’s education?

What type of animal is common in Niger?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Niger**

**Match terms**

Savannah = grassy plain in tropical regions

Desert = extremely dry, barren area

Niamey = capital of Niger

Songhai Empire = historic West African empire

Zarma = ethnic group in Niger

Kora = traditional West African instrument

Acacia = type of tree in savannah

Baobab = large tree with thick trunk

Literacy rate = percentage of literate people

Keyword: BALLPOINT

**Complete sentences**

Niger is located in | West Africa.

Niamey is situated on | the Niger River.

The Songhai Empire influenced | Niger’s history.

Niger’s north experiences | desert climate.

Acacias and baobabs are | common in Niger.

Traditional music includes | the Kora.

Niger’s economy relies | heavily on agriculture.

Keyword: FOREARM

**Questions**

What is Niger’s climate primarily?

dry

What is the official language of Niger?

French

Where is Niamey located?

on the Niger River

What type of vegetation is common in Niger?

savannah

What is a major influence on Niger’s history?

Songhai Empire

What is a popular instrument in Nigerien music?

Kora

Keyword: SPIRIT

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Niger borders seven countries.

4. French is the official language of Niger.

5. Niger’s economy is predominantly agricultural.

wrong

6. The literacy rate in Niger is high.

2. Niger is the largest country in Africa.

3. Niger has a predominantly wet climate.

Keyword: SANDAL

**Solution sheet 2**

**Niger**

**Questions and answers**

What is Niger’s capital?

Niamey is the capital of Niger.

What is the predominant climate in northern Niger?

Northern Niger has a desert climate.

What major river flows through Niger?

The Niger River flows through Niger.

What is a common tree in Niger’s savannah?

Acacias are common in Niger’s savannah.

What is the main economic activity in Niger?

Agriculture is the main economic activity in Niger.

What is a significant challenge in Niger’s education?

Low literacy rates are a significant challenge in Niger.

What type of animal is common in Niger?

Gazelles are common animals in Niger.