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**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Mestizo | (1) | Mixed European and Indigenous heritage |
| (D) | Great Blue Hole | (2) | People of African and European descent |
| (E) | Lobsterfest | (3) | Belizean Creole language |
| (F) | Belmopan | (4) | Capital city of Belize |
| (I) | Cockscomb Basin | (5) | Wildlife sanctuary in Belize |
| (N) | Kriol | (6) | Large marine sinkhole in Belize |
| (N) | La Ruta Maya | (7) | Festival celebrating lobster season |
| (O) | Creole | (8) | Canoe race in Belize |
| (T) | UNESCO | (9) | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |

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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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| (E) | The rainy season in ... | (1) | ... Mexico to the north. |
| (H) | The Great Blue Hole is ... | (2) | ... a marine sinkhole. |
| (I) | Belmopan became the capital after ... | (3) | ... a hurricane. |
| (L) | Carnival reflects Belize’s ... | (4) | ... to Belize’s economy. |
| (S) | Tourism significantly contributes ... | (5) | ... a UNESCO site. |
| (T) | The Belize Barrier Reef is ... | (6) | ... diverse culture. |
| (W) | Belize is bordered by ... | (7) | ... Belize starts in June. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of Belize? |
| (R) | Orange Walk Town |
| (S) | Belmopan |
| (V) | Belize City |
| 2. | Which language is widely spoken in Belize besides English? |
| (A) | Portuguese |
| (P) | Spanish |
| (S) | French |
| 3. | What is Belize’s climate characterized by? |
| (N) | Desert conditions |
| (O) | Distinct wet and dry seasons |
| (R) | Constant snowfall |
| 4. | Who were the first known inhabitants of Belize? |
| (N) | The Maya civilization |
| (R) | The British |
| (V) | The Spanish |
| 5. | What is a major attraction in Belize? |
| (A) | Eiffel Tower |
| (G) | Great Blue Hole |
| (S) | Grand Canyon |
| 6. | What is Belize’s economy heavily reliant on? |
| (E) | Tourism and agriculture |
| (R) | Technology |
| (V) | Manufacturing |

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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. The official language of Belize is English. |
| (F) | (L) | 2. Belize is bordered to the south by Mexico. |
| (R) | (A) | 3. Belmopan has always been the capital of Belize. |
| (N) | (R) | 4. Belize gained independence in 1981. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. The Belize Barrier Reef is a UNESCO World Heritage site. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. The main export of Belize is oil. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is the Belize Barrier Reef?

What is the population of Belize?

What is the Great Blue Hole?

What are Belize’s major exports?

When did Belize gain independence?

What is Lobsterfest?

What is the Cockscomb Basin?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Belize**

**Match terms**

Mestizo = Mixed European and Indigenous heritage

Creole = People of African and European descent

Kriol = Belizean Creole language

Belmopan = Capital city of Belize

Cockscomb Basin = Wildlife sanctuary in Belize

Great Blue Hole = Large marine sinkhole in Belize

Lobsterfest = Festival celebrating lobster season

La Ruta Maya = Canoe race in Belize

UNESCO = United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Keyword: CONFIDENT

**Complete sentences**

Belize is bordered by | Mexico to the north.

The Great Blue Hole is | a marine sinkhole.

Belmopan became the capital after | a hurricane.

Tourism significantly contributes | to Belize’s economy.

The Belize Barrier Reef is | a UNESCO site.

Carnival reflects Belize’s | diverse culture.

The rainy season in | Belize starts in June.

Keyword: WHISTLE

**Questions**

What is the capital of Belize?

Belmopan

Which language is widely spoken in Belize besides English?

Spanish

What is Belize’s climate characterized by?

Distinct wet and dry seasons

Who were the first known inhabitants of Belize?

The Maya civilization

What is a major attraction in Belize?

Great Blue Hole

What is Belize’s economy heavily reliant on?

Tourism and agriculture

Keyword: SPONGE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. The official language of Belize is English.

4. Belize gained independence in 1981.

5. The Belize Barrier Reef is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

wrong

6. The main export of Belize is oil.

2. Belize is bordered to the south by Mexico.

3. Belmopan has always been the capital of Belize.

Keyword: PLANET

**Solution sheet 2**

**Belize**

**Questions and answers**

What is the Belize Barrier Reef?

The Belize Barrier Reef is the second-largest barrier reef in the world.

What is the population of Belize?

The population of Belize is approximately 420,000 people.

What is the Great Blue Hole?

The Great Blue Hole is a large marine sinkhole in Belize.

What are Belize’s major exports?

Major exports of Belize include sugar, bananas, and citrus fruits.

When did Belize gain independence?

Belize gained independence in 1981.

What is Lobsterfest?

Lobsterfest is a festival celebrating the lobster season in Belize.

What is the Cockscomb Basin?

The Cockscomb Basin is a wildlife sanctuary in Belize.