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| Dominican Republic Exercises | about-the-world.org/3207 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Hispaniola | (1) | island shared with Haiti |
| (D) | Tropical climate | (2) | hot, humid weather |
| (E) | Dry season | (3) | period of frequent rains |
| (E) | Dominican peso | (4) | period with little rain |
| (N) | Independence | (5) | freedom from Haiti in 1844 |
| (R) | Bachata | (6) | oldest European city in America |
| (T) | Santo Domingo | (7) | popular Dominican music style |
| (U) | Merengue | (8) | traditional Dominican dance music |
| (V) | Rainy season | (9) | national currency |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Santo Domingo houses ... | (1) | ... in the Caribbean Sea. |
| (E) | Merengue and Bachata ... | (2) | ... is around 25 degrees. |
| (G) | Hispaniola is located ... | (3) | ... many historical buildings. |
| (L) | The average temperature ... | (4) | ... popular sport. |
| (S) | Baseball is the most ... | (5) | ... gained independence in 1844. |
| (S) | The Dominican Republic ... | (6) | ... have diverse influences. |
| (S) | Tourism significantly ... | (7) | ... boosts the economy. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of the Dominican Republic? |
| (R) | La Romana |
| (S) | Santo Domingo |
| (V) | Puerto Plata |
| 2. | What type of climate does the Dominican Republic have? |
| (A) | Temperate |
| (S) | Desert |
| (T) | Tropical |
| 3. | Which sport is most popular in the Dominican Republic? |
| (A) | Baseball |
| (N) | Tennis |
| (R) | Football |
| 4. | What is the national currency of the Dominican Republic? |
| (I) | Dominican peso |
| (R) | Euro |
| (V) | US dollar |
| 5. | What is a popular music style in the Dominican Republic? |
| (A) | Reggae |
| (R) | Merengue |
| (S) | Salsa |
| 6. | What did Christopher Columbus discover in 1492? |
| (R) | Mexico |
| (S) | The island of Hispaniola |
| (V) | Australia |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (D) | (V) | 1. The Dominican Republic shares Hispaniola with Haiti. |
| (F) | (O) | 2. The Dominican Republic gained its independence from Spain. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. Basketball is the most popular sport in the country. |
| (L) | (R) | 4. Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic. |
| (A) | (T) | 5. Baseball is a very popular sport in the Dominican Republic. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. The national currency is the Euro. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is Hispaniola?

Who discovered the island where the Dominican Republic is located?

What is the population mix in the Dominican Republic?

What are the main economic sectors of the Dominican Republic?

What are the two main seasons in the Dominican Republic?

What is unique about Santo Domingo?

What is the significance of Merengue and Bachata?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Dominican Republic**

**Match terms**

Hispaniola = island shared with Haiti

Tropical climate = hot, humid weather

Rainy season = period of frequent rains

Dry season = period with little rain

Independence = freedom from Haiti in 1844

Santo Domingo = oldest European city in America

Merengue = popular Dominican music style

Bachata = traditional Dominican dance music

Dominican peso = national currency

Keyword: ADVENTURE

**Complete sentences**

Hispaniola is located | in the Caribbean Sea.

The average temperature | is around 25 degrees.

Santo Domingo houses | many historical buildings.

Baseball is the most | popular sport.

The Dominican Republic | gained independence in 1844.

Merengue and Bachata | have diverse influences.

Tourism significantly | boosts the economy.

Keyword: GLASSES

**Questions**

What is the capital of the Dominican Republic?

Santo Domingo

What type of climate does the Dominican Republic have?

Tropical

Which sport is most popular in the Dominican Republic?

Baseball

What is the national currency of the Dominican Republic?

Dominican peso

What is a popular music style in the Dominican Republic?

Merengue

What did Christopher Columbus discover in 1492?

The island of Hispaniola

Keyword: STAIRS

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. The Dominican Republic shares Hispaniola with Haiti.

4. Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic.

5. Baseball is a very popular sport in the Dominican Republic.

wrong

6. The national currency is the Euro.

2. The Dominican Republic gained its independence from Spain.

3. Basketball is the most popular sport in the country.

Keyword: DOLLAR

**Solution sheet 2**

**Dominican Republic**

**Questions and answers**

What is Hispaniola?

Hispaniola is an island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Who discovered the island where the Dominican Republic is located?

Christopher Columbus discovered the island in 1492.

What is the population mix in the Dominican Republic?

The population is a mix of European, African, and indigenous influences.

What are the main economic sectors of the Dominican Republic?

Tourism, agriculture, and mining are the main economic sectors.

What are the two main seasons in the Dominican Republic?

The rainy season and the dry season are the main seasons.

What is unique about Santo Domingo?

Santo Domingo is the oldest permanently populated European city in America.

What is the significance of Merengue and Bachata?

Merengue and Bachata are popular music styles rooted in African, European, and indigenous traditions.