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| Malta Exercises | about-the-world.org/3113 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Roman Catholicism | (1) | over 5000 years old underground temple in Malta |
| (B) | Blue Grotto | (2) | hot, dry summers and mild, humid winters |
| (C) | Hypogeum Temple | (3) | unique language with Arabic and Latin influences |
| (E) | Mediterranean climate | (4) | Maltese puff pastry snack, often filled with ricotta |
| (E) | Pastizzi | (5) | series of sea caves on the Maltese coast |
| (E) | Valletta | (6) | ancient fortress offering views of Malta |
| (L) | Maltese language | (7) | predominant religion among Maltese people |
| (R) | Mdina fortress | (8) | significant industry in Malta’s economy |
| (T) | Online gambling | (9) | small but historic capital of Malta in the EU |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (D) | Malta is located in the Mediterranean ... | (1) | ... south of Italy. |
| (H) | Malta’s Hypogeum Temple is ... | (2) | ... fortresses and buildings. |
| (I) | Tourism plays a major role ... | (3) | ... and Arabic influences. |
| (L) | Maltese cuisine blends Italian ... | (4) | ... caves by the sea. |
| (N) | Maltese and English are ... | (5) | ... over 5000 years old. |
| (O) | Valletta is known for its historic ... | (6) | ... in Malta’s economy. |
| (P) | The Blue Grotto consists of ... | (7) | ... Malta’s official languages. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of Malta? |
| (D) | Valletta |
| (R) | Gozo |
| (V) | Mdina |
| 2. | What type of climate does Malta have? |
| (A) | Tropical climate |
| (R) | Mediterranean climate |
| (S) | Continental climate |
| 3. | Which language has Arabic and Latin influences? |
| (A) | Maltese |
| (N) | Italian |
| (R) | English |
| 4. | What is a popular Maltese food? |
| (P) | Pastizzi |
| (R) | Sushi |
| (V) | Pizza |
| 5. | Which is a famous Maltese sight? |
| (A) | Great Wall of China |
| (E) | Blue Grotto |
| (S) | Eiffel Tower |
| 6. | How old is the Hypogeum Temple in Malta? |
| (R) | 100 years |
| (S) | over 5000 years |
| (V) | 500 years |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| (H) | (V) | 1. Malta consists of several islands including Malta, Gozo, and Comino. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Malta has a continental climate with extreme temperatures. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. The main language of Malta is Italian. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Valletta is one of the smallest capitals in the European Union. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. Malta was an important base during the Second World War. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. The Hypogeum Temple is a well-known modern structure. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What are the main islands of Malta?

What is special about Maltese cuisine?

What is the Hypogeum Temple?

Why is Malta significant in history?

How is the economy of Malta described?

Why is Malta’s location notable?

What languages are spoken in Malta?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Malta**

**Match terms**

Hypogeum Temple = over 5000 years old underground temple in Malta

Mediterranean climate = hot, dry summers and mild, humid winters

Maltese language = unique language with Arabic and Latin influences

Pastizzi = Maltese puff pastry snack, often filled with ricotta

Blue Grotto = series of sea caves on the Maltese coast

Mdina fortress = ancient fortress offering views of Malta

Roman Catholicism = predominant religion among Maltese people

Online gambling = significant industry in Malta’s economy

Valletta = small but historic capital of Malta in the EU

Keyword: CELEBRATE

**Complete sentences**

Malta is located in the Mediterranean | south of Italy.

Valletta is known for its historic | fortresses and buildings.

Maltese cuisine blends Italian | and Arabic influences.

The Blue Grotto consists of | caves by the sea.

Malta’s Hypogeum Temple is | over 5000 years old.

Tourism plays a major role | in Malta’s economy.

Maltese and English are | Malta’s official languages.

Keyword: DOLPHIN

**Questions**

What is the capital of Malta?

Valletta

What type of climate does Malta have?

Mediterranean climate

Which language has Arabic and Latin influences?

Maltese

What is a popular Maltese food?

Pastizzi

Which is a famous Maltese sight?

Blue Grotto

How old is the Hypogeum Temple in Malta?

over 5000 years

Keyword: DRAPES

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Malta consists of several islands including Malta, Gozo, and Comino.

4. Valletta is one of the smallest capitals in the European Union.

5. Malta was an important base during the Second World War.

wrong

6. The Hypogeum Temple is a well-known modern structure.

2. Malta has a continental climate with extreme temperatures.

3. The main language of Malta is Italian.

Keyword: HANDLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Malta**

**Questions and answers**

What are the main islands of Malta?

The main islands of Malta are Malta, Gozo, and Comino.

What is special about Maltese cuisine?

Maltese cuisine is a mix of Italian and Arabic influences, featuring dishes like rabbit and pastizzi.

What is the Hypogeum Temple?

The Hypogeum Temple is an ancient underground temple in Malta, over 5000 years old.

Why is Malta significant in history?

Malta has a long history, including being an important base during the Second World War.

How is the economy of Malta described?

Malta’s economy is strong, focusing on tourism and online gambling, with no natural resources.

Why is Malta’s location notable?

Malta is located in the Mediterranean, south of Italy, making it strategically and geographically significant.

What languages are spoken in Malta?

Maltese and English are the official languages of Malta, with Maltese having Arabic and Latin influences.