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| Central African Republic Exercises | about-the-world.org/3890 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Rainforests | (1) | flat grasslands with scattered trees |
| (A) | Subsistence farmers | (2) | dense forests with high rainfall |
| (C) | Savannahs | (3) | elevated flat areas of land |
| (C) | Gbaya | (4) | ethnic group in Central African Republic |
| (E) | Initiation rites | (5) | ethnic group in Central African Republic |
| (L) | Plateaus | (6) | ethnic group in Central African Republic |
| (L) | Mandja | (7) | farmers growing food for own use |
| (T) | Balafons | (8) | traditional African musical instrument |
| (U) | Banda | (9) | ceremonies marking individuals’ transition stages |

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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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| (C) | The majority of population|is Christian, followed by Muslims. ... | (1) | ... |
| (E) | CAR borders Chad|and Sudan to the north. ... | (2) | ... |
| (E) | Music and dance play|a central role in CAR’s culture. ... | (3) | ... |
| (L) | The landscape consists|mainly of savannahs, rainforests. ... | (4) | ... |
| (M) | CAR’s economy is based|on agriculture, forestry and mining. ... | (5) | ... |
| (O) | CAR has a turbulent history|with decades of political instability. ... | (6) | ... |
| (W) | CAR is in Africa|and has a tropical climate. ... | (7) | ... |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the climate of CAR? |
| (E) | tropical |
| (R) | desert |
| (V) | temperate |
| 2. | What is the main economy of CAR? |
| (A) | tourism |
| (M) | agriculture, forestry and mining |
| (S) | manufacturing |
| 3. | What is the official language of CAR? |
| (B) | French and Sango |
| (N) | Spanish |
| (R) | English |
| 4. | Who was the first president of CAR? |
| (L) | David Dacko |
| (R) | Nelson Mandela |
| (V) | Jean-Bédel Bokassa |
| 5. | What is the popular sport in CAR? |
| (A) | Basketball |
| (E) | Football |
| (S) | Cricket |
| 6. | What is the population of CAR? |
| (M) | around 5 million |
| (R) | around 10 million |
| (V) | around 20 million |

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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 |  |
| (W) | (V) | 1. CAR is located in the heart of Africa. |
| (F) | (I) | 2. CAR is located in the south of Africa. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. CAR borders Nigeria to the east. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. CAR borders Chad to the north. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. CAR has a tropical climate. |
| (A) | (W) | 6. CAR has a desert climate. |

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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 are the main landscapes in CAR?

What are the main exports of CAR?

What is the political system in CAR?

What is the state of education in CAR?

What is the state of the economy in CAR?

What is the culture of CAR like?

What is the state of sports in CAR?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Central African Republic**

**Match terms**

Savannahs = flat grasslands with scattered trees

Rainforests = dense forests with high rainfall

Plateaus = elevated flat areas of land

Gbaya = ethnic group in Central African Republic

Banda = ethnic group in Central African Republic

Mandja = ethnic group in Central African Republic

Subsistence farmers = farmers growing food for own use

Balafons = traditional African musical instrument

Initiation rites = ceremonies marking individuals’ transition stages

Keyword: CALCULATE

**Complete sentences**

CAR is in Africa|and has a tropical climate.

CAR borders Chad|and Sudan to the north.

The landscape consists|mainly of savannahs, rainforests.

The majority of population|is Christian, followed by Muslims.

CAR has a turbulent history|with decades of political instability.

CAR’s economy is based|on agriculture, forestry and mining.

Music and dance play|a central role in CAR’s culture.

Keyword: WELCOME

**Questions**

What is the climate of CAR?

tropical

What is the main economy of CAR?

agriculture, forestry and mining

What is the official language of CAR?

French and Sango

Who was the first president of CAR?

David Dacko

What is the popular sport in CAR?

Football

What is the population of CAR?

around 5 million

Keyword: EMBLEM

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. CAR is located in the heart of Africa.

4. CAR borders Chad to the north.

5. CAR has a tropical climate.

wrong

6. CAR has a desert climate.

2. CAR is located in the south of Africa.

3. CAR borders Nigeria to the east.

Keyword: WINDOW

**Solution sheet 2**

**Central African Republic**

**Questions and answers**

What are the main landscapes in CAR?

The main landscapes in CAR are savannahs, rainforests and plateaus.

What are the main exports of CAR?

The main exports of CAR are diamonds, gold, timber and cotton.

What is the political system in CAR?

CAR is a presidential republic with a national assembly.

What is the state of education in CAR?

The education system in CAR faces many challenges, with a low literacy rate and many children lacking access to education.

What is the state of the economy in CAR?

The economy of CAR is mainly based on agriculture, forestry and mining, but has been hit hard by civil war and many people live in extreme poverty.

What is the culture of CAR like?

The culture of CAR is diverse, reflecting the numerous ethnic groups. Music and dance play a central role, and traditional religion and customs are deeply rooted in society.

What is the state of sports in CAR?

Football is the most popular sport in CAR, but the national team has difficulty qualifying for international competitions. Traditional sports like wrestling and spear throwing are common at festivals.