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**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Silk Road | (1) | official language of Afghanistan |
| (E) | Pashto | (2) | mountain range in Afghanistan |
| (E) | Shia Muslims | (3) | form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan |
| (F) | Hindu Kush | (4) | hot summers, cold winters |
| (F) | Dari | (5) | ancient trade route |
| (I) | Continental climate | (6) | majority religious group in Afghanistan |
| (I) | Sunni Muslims | (7) | minority religious group in Afghanistan |
| (N) | Kabul | (8) | capital city of Afghanistan |
| (T) | Steppes | (9) | vast grasslands in northern Afghanistan |

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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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| (D) | Afghanistan’s economy relies ... | (1) | ... and Pakistan. |
| (E) | The Hindu Kush mountains ... | (2) | ... city of Afghanistan. |
| (E) | Most Afghans follow ... | (3) | ... dominate Afghanistan. |
| (F) | Afghanistan borders Iran ... | (4) | ... Sunni Islam. |
| (M) | The Silk Road once ... | (5) | ... on agriculture. |
| (O) | Pashto and Dari are ... | (6) | ... widely spoken there. |
| (R) | Kabul is the capital ... | (7) | ... crossed Afghanistan. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the dominant religion in Afghanistan? |
| (F) | Islam |
| (R) | Buddhism |
| (V) | Christianity |
| 2. | What is the main characteristic of Afghanistan’s climate? |
| (A) | heavy rainfall year-round |
| (E) | hot summers and cold winters |
| (S) | mild and humid |
| 3. | Which mountain range is prominent in Afghanistan? |
| (L) | Hindu Kush |
| (N) | Alps |
| (R) | Rocky Mountains |
| 4. | What is the capital of Afghanistan? |
| (I) | Kabul |
| (R) | Herat |
| (V) | Kandahar |
| 5. | What language is commonly spoken in Afghanistan besides Pashto? |
| (A) | French |
| (N) | Dari |
| (S) | Russian |
| 6. | Which ethnic group is predominant in Afghanistan? |
| (E) | Pashtuns |
| (R) | Kurds |
| (V) | Baloch |

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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. Afghanistan is located in South Asia. |
| (F) | (I) | 2. China does not border Afghanistan. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Afghanistan has a tropical climate. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Kabul is the economic center of Afghanistan. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. The majority of Afghanistan’s population is Muslim. |
| (A) | (W) | 6. English is the official language of Afghanistan. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is the main economic activity in Afghanistan?

Why is Afghanistan known for its diverse landscape?

What is a major challenge in Kabul?

How does Afghanistan’s climate vary?

What historical role did Afghanistan play?

What are the main food crops in Afghanistan?

How has recent history affected Afghanistan?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Afghanistan**

**Match terms**

Pashto = official language of Afghanistan

Hindu Kush = mountain range in Afghanistan

Dari = form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan

Continental climate = hot summers, cold winters

Silk Road = ancient trade route

Sunni Muslims = majority religious group in Afghanistan

Shia Muslims = minority religious group in Afghanistan

Kabul = capital city of Afghanistan

Steppes = vast grasslands in northern Afghanistan

Keyword: EFFICIENT

**Complete sentences**

Afghanistan borders Iran | and Pakistan.

Kabul is the capital | city of Afghanistan.

The Hindu Kush mountains | dominate Afghanistan.

Most Afghans follow | Sunni Islam.

Afghanistan’s economy relies | on agriculture.

Pashto and Dari are | widely spoken there.

The Silk Road once | crossed Afghanistan.

Keyword: FREEDOM

**Questions**

What is the dominant religion in Afghanistan?

Islam

What is the main characteristic of Afghanistan’s climate?

hot summers and cold winters

Which mountain range is prominent in Afghanistan?

Hindu Kush

What is the capital of Afghanistan?

Kabul

What language is commonly spoken in Afghanistan besides Pashto?

Dari

Which ethnic group is predominant in Afghanistan?

Pashtuns

Keyword: FELINE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Afghanistan is located in South Asia.

4. Kabul is the economic center of Afghanistan.

5. The majority of Afghanistan’s population is Muslim.

wrong

6. English is the official language of Afghanistan.

2. China does not border Afghanistan.

3. Afghanistan has a tropical climate.

Keyword: WINDOW

**Solution sheet 2**

**Afghanistan**

**Questions and answers**

What is the main economic activity in Afghanistan?

Agriculture is the main economic activity in Afghanistan.

Why is Afghanistan known for its diverse landscape?

Afghanistan has steppes, deserts, and mountains.

What is a major challenge in Kabul?

Kabul faces challenges like overpopulation and security issues.

How does Afghanistan’s climate vary?

The climate varies from very cold in the mountains to hot in lower regions.

What historical role did Afghanistan play?

Afghanistan was a crossroads on the Silk Road.

What are the main food crops in Afghanistan?

Wheat, corn, and rice are the main food crops.

How has recent history affected Afghanistan?

Recent conflicts and wars have marked Afghanistan’s history.