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| Madagascar Exercises | about-the-world.org/3165 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (E) | Austronesians | (1) | first settlers of Madagascar |
| (E) | Lemurs | (2) | majority ethnic group in Madagascar |
| (I) | Madagascar | (3) | traditional Malagasy ceremony |
| (M) | Cyclones | (4) | fourth-largest island globally |
| (N) | Deforestation | (5) | capital city of Madagascar |
| (P) | Antananarivo | (6) | tropical storms in Madagascar |
| (Q) | Merina | (7) | endemic primates of Madagascar |
| (T) | Agriculture | (8) | major threat to Madagascar’s rainforests |
| (U) | Famadihana | (9) | primary economic sector in Madagascar |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (B) | Madagascar is located ... | (1) | ... in the Indian Ocean. |
| (C) | French colonization in Madagascar ... | (2) | ... is humid and rainy. |
| (I) | The east part of Madagascar ... | (3) | ... from November to April. |
| (I) | Vanilla is a significant ... | (4) | ... ended in 1960. |
| (S) | Cyclones in Madagascar occur ... | (5) | ... its historical sites. |
| (T) | Famadihana is associated ... | (6) | ... export of Madagascar. |
| (U) | Antananarivo is known for ... | (7) | ... with Malagasy culture. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Madagascar’s official language? |
| (R) | Portuguese |
| (S) | Malagasy |
| (V) | English |
| 2. | What separates Madagascar from Africa? |
| (A) | Indian Ocean |
| (S) | Red Sea |
| (T) | Mozambique Channel |
| 3. | What is Madagascar’s capital city? |
| (A) | Antananarivo |
| (N) | Nairobi |
| (R) | Maputo |
| 4. | Which ethnic group is the majority in Madagascar? |
| (I) | Merina |
| (R) | Betsileo |
| (V) | Zafimaniry |
| 5. | What is Madagascar known for in wildlife? |
| (A) | Kangaroos |
| (R) | Lemurs |
| (S) | Tigers |
| 6. | What is a major threat to Madagascar’s rainforests? |
| (R) | Urbanization |
| (S) | Deforestation |
| (V) | Desertification |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (R) | (V) | 1. Madagascar gained independence on June 26, 1960. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Madagascar is connected to the African mainland. |
| (R) | (B) | 3. Rice is an insignificant crop in Madagascar’s economy. |
| (B) | (R) | 4. The Mozambique Channel separates Madagascar from Africa. |
| (I) | (T) | 5. Madagascar’s economy relies heavily on agriculture. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. Antananarivo is located on Madagascar’s coast. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is Madagascar’s location?

How is Madagascar’s climate?

What is significant about Madagascar’s history?

What characterizes Madagascar’s population?

What are Madagascar’s key exports?

Why is Madagascar’s wildlife unique?

What is Famadihana?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Madagascar**

**Match terms**

Austronesians = first settlers of Madagascar

Merina = majority ethnic group in Madagascar

Famadihana = traditional Malagasy ceremony

Madagascar = fourth-largest island globally

Antananarivo = capital city of Madagascar

Cyclones = tropical storms in Madagascar

Lemurs = endemic primates of Madagascar

Deforestation = major threat to Madagascar’s rainforests

Agriculture = primary economic sector in Madagascar

Keyword: EQUIPMENT

**Complete sentences**

Madagascar is located | in the Indian Ocean.

The east part of Madagascar | is humid and rainy.

Cyclones in Madagascar occur | from November to April.

French colonization in Madagascar | ended in 1960.

Antananarivo is known for | its historical sites.

Vanilla is a significant | export of Madagascar.

Famadihana is associated | with Malagasy culture.

Keyword: BISCUIT

**Questions**

What is Madagascar’s official language?

Malagasy

What separates Madagascar from Africa?

Mozambique Channel

What is Madagascar’s capital city?

Antananarivo

Which ethnic group is the majority in Madagascar?

Merina

What is Madagascar known for in wildlife?

Lemurs

What is a major threat to Madagascar’s rainforests?

Deforestation

Keyword: STAIRS

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Madagascar gained independence on June 26, 1960.

4. The Mozambique Channel separates Madagascar from Africa.

5. Madagascar’s economy relies heavily on agriculture.

wrong

6. Antananarivo is located on Madagascar’s coast.

2. Madagascar is connected to the African mainland.

3. Rice is an insignificant crop in Madagascar’s economy.

Keyword: RABBIT

**Solution sheet 2**

**Madagascar**

**Questions and answers**

What is Madagascar’s location?

Madagascar is in the Indian Ocean, off Mozambique’s coast.

How is Madagascar’s climate?

Madagascar has various climates, from humid to dry regions.

What is significant about Madagascar’s history?

Madagascar was a French colony until its independence in 1960.

What characterizes Madagascar’s population?

Madagascar’s population is young and comprises 18 ethnic groups.

What are Madagascar’s key exports?

Madagascar exports rice, vanilla, and coffee.

Why is Madagascar’s wildlife unique?

Madagascar’s wildlife, like lemurs, is mostly endemic.

What is Famadihana?

Famadihana is a traditional Malagasy ceremony involving ancestors.