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| Laos Exercises | about-the-world.org/3249 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (B) | Laap | (1) | Southeast Asian country without sea access |
| (E) | Rice | (2) | 14th-century kingdom, part of Laos history |
| (I) | Laos | (3) | Communist group, gained power in 1975 |
| (I) | Theravada Buddhism | (4) | Dominant religion in Laos |
| (I) | Nam Ha | (5) | Most important Laotian festival |
| (L) | Vientiane | (6) | National park in Laos |
| (N) | Lan Xang | (7) | Lao meat salad with herbs, spices |
| (S) | Songkran | (8) | Capital of Laos on Mekong River |
| (V) | Pathet Lao | (9) | Main staple and export of Laos |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (C) | Tourism has grown in importance ... | (1) | ... and Vietnam to the north. |
| (N) | Rice and fish are staple foods ... | (2) | ... the border with Thailand. |
| (O) | The Mekong River partly forms ... | (3) | ... in 1893. |
| (O) | In Laos, traditional music and dance ... | (4) | ... in Laos recently. |
| (P) | Laos borders China ... | (5) | ... are significant. |
| (P) | Laos became a French colony ... | (6) | ... of Laos’s wildlife. |
| (R) | Elephants and tigers are part ... | (7) | ... in Lao cuisine. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What religion is dominant in Laos? |
| (B) | Buddhism |
| (R) | Christianity |
| (V) | Hinduism |
| 2. | Which river is important in Laos? |
| (A) | Nile River |
| (E) | Mekong River |
| (S) | Yangtze River |
| 3. | When did Laos gain independence? |
| (E) | 1953 |
| (N) | 1945 |
| (R) | 1960 |
| 4. | What is the capital of Laos? |
| (R) | Hanoi |
| (T) | Vientiane |
| (V) | Bangkok |
| 5. | What is the main export product of Laos? |
| (A) | Rubber |
| (L) | Rice |
| (S) | Tea |
| 6. | What festival is most important in Laos? |
| (E) | Songkran |
| (R) | Diwali |
| (V) | Christmas |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (B) | (V) | 1. Laos is located in Southeast Asia. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Laos has a coastline along the sea. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. The Laotian New Year is called Lan Xang. |
| (A) | (R) | 4. Vientiane is the capital of Laos. |
| (N) | (T) | 5. Buddhism is the dominant religion in Laos. |
| (E) | (A) | 6. Laos’s economy is not dependent on agriculture. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What does Laos not have?

What type of climate does Laos have?

What is laap?

What is significant about the Mekong River in Laos?

Who came to power in Laos in 1975?

What is Nam Ha?

Where is Vientiane located?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Laos**

**Match terms**

Laos = Southeast Asian country without sea access

Lan Xang = 14th-century kingdom, part of Laos history

Pathet Lao = Communist group, gained power in 1975

Theravada Buddhism = Dominant religion in Laos

Songkran = Most important Laotian festival

Nam Ha = National park in Laos

Laap = Lao meat salad with herbs, spices

Vientiane = Capital of Laos on Mekong River

Rice = Main staple and export of Laos

Keyword: INVISIBLE

**Complete sentences**

Laos borders China | and Vietnam to the north.

The Mekong River partly forms | the border with Thailand.

Laos became a French colony | in 1893.

Tourism has grown in importance | in Laos recently.

In Laos, traditional music and dance | are significant.

Elephants and tigers are part | of Laos’s wildlife.

Rice and fish are staple foods | in Lao cuisine.

Keyword: POPCORN

**Questions**

What religion is dominant in Laos?

Buddhism

Which river is important in Laos?

Mekong River

When did Laos gain independence?

1953

What is the capital of Laos?

Vientiane

What is the main export product of Laos?

Rice

What festival is most important in Laos?

Songkran

Keyword: BEETLE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Laos is located in Southeast Asia.

4. Vientiane is the capital of Laos.

5. Buddhism is the dominant religion in Laos.

wrong

6. Laos’s economy is not dependent on agriculture.

2. Laos has a coastline along the sea.

3. The Laotian New Year is called Lan Xang.

Keyword: BANANA

**Solution sheet 2**

**Laos**

**Questions and answers**

What does Laos not have?

Laos does not have access to the sea.

What type of climate does Laos have?

Laos has a tropical climate.

What is laap?

Laap is a meat salad with herbs and spices.

What is significant about the Mekong River in Laos?

It partly forms the border with Thailand.

Who came to power in Laos in 1975?

The communist Pathet Lao came to power.

What is Nam Ha?

Nam Ha is a national park in Laos.

Where is Vientiane located?

Vientiane is located on the Mekong River near the Thai border.