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| Mauritania Exercises | about-the-world.org/3169 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (E) | Desert climate | (1) | West African country |
| (E) | Nomadic cultures | (2) | Dry, prevalent in north |
| (E) | Education challenges | (3) | Capital, economic center |
| (H) | Fishing | (4) | Significant in history |
| (L) | Nouakchott | (5) | Predominant since 11th century |
| (N) | Banc d’Arguin | (6) | Key economic activity |
| (O) | Arab-African blend | (7) | Cultural characteristic |
| (P) | Islam | (8) | Famous for wildlife |
| (T) | Mauritania | (9) | Low literacy rate |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Mining contributes significantly ... | (1) | ... with Algeria and Mali. |
| (C) | The Banc d’Arguin Park ... | (2) | ... along the Atlantic Ocean. |
| (H) | Children face challenges ... | (3) | ... practice Islam. |
| (M) | Music and dance are ... | (4) | ... important in Mauritanian culture. |
| (O) | The majority in Mauritania ... | (5) | ... to the economy. |
| (S) | Mauritania shares borders ... | (6) | ... is known for wildlife. |
| (T) | Nouakchott is located ... | (7) | ... in accessing education. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Mauritania’s predominant climate? |
| (B) | desert and dry |
| (R) | moderate and rainy |
| (V) | tropical and humid |
| 2. | What is Nouakchott’s role in Mauritania? |
| (A) | tourist destination |
| (L) | capital and economic center |
| (S) | minor port city |
| 3. | Who predominantly inhabits Mauritania? |
| (N) | North Americans |
| (O) | Arabs and Sub-Saharan Africans |
| (R) | Europeans and Asians |
| 4. | Which sector is vital to Mauritania’s economy? |
| (R) | tourism and hospitality |
| (U) | fishing and mining |
| (V) | technology and innovation |
| 5. | What is the landscape of Mauritania like? |
| (A) | dense forests and rivers |
| (D) | mostly urban and developed |
| (S) | diverse with deserts and mountains |
| 6. | What is a characteristic of Mauritanian culture? |
| (E) | blend of Arab and African influences |
| (R) | dominated by Western trends |
| (V) | influenced by Asian traditions |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (J) | (V) | 1. Mauritania gained independence in 1960. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Mauritania is in Southern Africa. |
| (R) | (C) | 3. Rainfall is frequent and abundant. |
| (K) | (R) | 4. The Atlantic Ocean borders Mauritania to the west. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Arabs and Sub-Saharan Africans form the population. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. Nouakchott is a small town. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is Mauritania’s location?

What defines Mauritania’s climate?

What is significant about Mauritania’s history?

What describes Nouakchott?

Why is Mauritania’s economy important?

What is unique about Mauritanian culture?

What is a challenge in Mauritania’s education system?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Mauritania**

**Match terms**

Mauritania = West African country

Desert climate = Dry, prevalent in north

Nouakchott = Capital, economic center

Nomadic cultures = Significant in history

Islam = Predominant since 11th century

Fishing = Key economic activity

Arab-African blend = Cultural characteristic

Banc d’Arguin = Famous for wildlife

Education challenges = Low literacy rate

Keyword: TELEPHONE

**Complete sentences**

Mauritania shares borders | with Algeria and Mali.

Nouakchott is located | along the Atlantic Ocean.

The majority in Mauritania | practice Islam.

Music and dance are | important in Mauritanian culture.

Mining contributes significantly | to the economy.

The Banc d’Arguin Park | is known for wildlife.

Children face challenges | in accessing education.

Keyword: STOMACH

**Questions**

What is Mauritania’s predominant climate?

desert and dry

What is Nouakchott’s role in Mauritania?

capital and economic center

Who predominantly inhabits Mauritania?

Arabs and Sub-Saharan Africans

Which sector is vital to Mauritania’s economy?

fishing and mining

What is the landscape of Mauritania like?

diverse with deserts and mountains

What is a characteristic of Mauritanian culture?

blend of Arab and African influences

Keyword: BLOUSE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Mauritania gained independence in 1960.

4. The Atlantic Ocean borders Mauritania to the west.

5. Arabs and Sub-Saharan Africans form the population.

wrong

6. Nouakchott is a small town.

2. Mauritania is in Southern Africa.

3. Rainfall is frequent and abundant.

Keyword: JACKET

**Solution sheet 2**

**Mauritania**

**Questions and answers**

What is Mauritania’s location?

Mauritania is in West Africa.

What defines Mauritania’s climate?

The climate is dry with desert conditions.

What is significant about Mauritania’s history?

Islam and nomadic cultures are significant.

What describes Nouakchott?

Nouakchott is Mauritania’s capital and largest city.

Why is Mauritania’s economy important?

Fishing and mining are crucial to the economy.

What is unique about Mauritanian culture?

Mauritanian culture blends Arab and African elements.

What is a challenge in Mauritania’s education system?

Access to education is a challenge for many children.