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| Benin Exercises | about-the-world.org/3143 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (E) | Savannah | (1) | historical kingdom in West Africa |
| (E) | Pendjari | (2) | grassy plain in tropical regions |
| (E) | Agriculture | (3) | traditional Afro-Caribbean religion |
| (H) | Cotonou | (4) | national park in Benin |
| (L) | Voodoo | (5) | capital city of Benin |
| (N) | Colonial | (6) | largest city in Benin |
| (O) | Fon | (7) | major ethnic group in Benin |
| (P) | Porto-Novo | (8) | relating to colonization period |
| (T) | Dahomey | (9) | farming and cultivation of crops |

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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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| (A) | Benin is located in ... | (1) | ... West Africa. |
| (A) | Benin was colonized by ... | (2) | ... the Atlantic Ocean. |
| (M) | Voodoo is a widely ... | (3) | ... France in 1894. |
| (N) | It has a coastline along ... | (4) | ... export product of Benin. |
| (O) | Porto-Novo, not Cotonou, ... | (5) | ... is Benin’s capital. |
| (T) | Cotton is the main ... | (6) | ... practiced religion in Benin. |
| (Y) | Pendjari park conserves various ... | (7) | ... wildlife species. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the climate like in Benin? |
| (G) | tropical |
| (R) | temperate |
| (V) | arctic |
| 2. | What is Benin’s main export product? |
| (A) | cotton |
| (B) | coffee |
| (S) | oil |
| 3. | Which religion is widely practiced in Benin? |
| (N) | Hinduism |
| (R) | Voodoo |
| (T) | Buddhism |
| 4. | What type of landscape is predominant in northern Benin? |
| (D) | savannah |
| (R) | mountains |
| (V) | forest |
| 5. | Where is Benin located? |
| (A) | South America |
| (E) | West Africa |
| (S) | East Asia |
| 6. | What is the capital of Benin? |
| (N) | Porto-Novo |
| (R) | Cotonou |
| (V) | Lagos |

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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 |  |
| (D) | (V) | 1. Benin is bordered by Nigeria and Togo. |
| (F) | (R) | 2. Benin is in South America. |
| (R) | (A) | 3. The official language of Benin is English. |
| (G) | (R) | 4. The southern part of Benin is flatter. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. Benin gained independence in 1960. |
| (A) | (N) | 6. Lions are not found in Pendjari park. |

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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 is the official language of Benin?

What type of government followed Benin’s independence?

What is the main feature of the southern region of Benin?

What is significant about Porto-Novo?

Who are the Fon?

What role does agriculture play in Benin’s economy?

What kind of animals are in Pendjari park?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Benin**

**Match terms**

Dahomey = historical kingdom in West Africa

Savannah = grassy plain in tropical regions

Voodoo = traditional Afro-Caribbean religion

Pendjari = national park in Benin

Porto-Novo = capital city of Benin

Cotonou = largest city in Benin

Fon = major ethnic group in Benin

Colonial = relating to colonization period

Agriculture = farming and cultivation of crops

Keyword: TELEPHONE

**Complete sentences**

Benin is located in | West Africa.

It has a coastline along | the Atlantic Ocean.

Benin was colonized by | France in 1894.

Cotton is the main | export product of Benin.

Porto-Novo, not Cotonou, | is Benin’s capital.

Voodoo is a widely | practiced religion in Benin.

Pendjari park conserves various | wildlife species.

Keyword: ANATOMY

**Questions**

What is the climate like in Benin?

tropical

What is Benin’s main export product?

cotton

Which religion is widely practiced in Benin?

Voodoo

What type of landscape is predominant in northern Benin?

savannah

Where is Benin located?

West Africa

What is the capital of Benin?

Porto-Novo

Keyword: GARDEN

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Benin is bordered by Nigeria and Togo.

4. The southern part of Benin is flatter.

5. Benin gained independence in 1960.

wrong

6. Lions are not found in Pendjari park.

2. Benin is in South America.

3. The official language of Benin is English.

Keyword: DRAGON

**Solution sheet 2**

**Benin**

**Questions and answers**

What is the official language of Benin?

The official language of Benin is French.

What type of government followed Benin’s independence?

Benin underwent several political systems after independence.

What is the main feature of the southern region of Benin?

The southern region of Benin is flat.

What is significant about Porto-Novo?

Porto-Novo is known for its colonial buildings and political role.

Who are the Fon?

The Fon are a major ethnic group in Benin.

What role does agriculture play in Benin’s economy?

Agriculture is a crucial sector in Benin’s economy.

What kind of animals are in Pendjari park?

Pendjari park is home to elephants, lions, and leopards.