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| Netherlands Exercises | about-the-world.org/3117 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Temperate maritime climate | (1) | barriers to protect land from flooding |
| (A) | Bicycle culture | (2) | mild summers, cool winters, frequent rain |
| (C) | Dykes | (3) | period of great wealth and cultural achievement |
| (C) | Anne Frank | (4) | Jewish girl who wrote a diary during WWII |
| (E) | Delta project | (5) | major museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| (L) | Golden Age | (6) | significant sector, includes tulip and cheese export |
| (L) | Agriculture in economy | (7) | common use of bicycles, extensive cycle paths |
| (T) | Famous painters | (8) | Rembrandt and Van Gogh, significant to Dutch art |
| (U) | Rijksmuseum | (9) | major water management scheme in the Netherlands |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Dykes are crucial for ... | (1) | ... and Belgium. |
| (C) | The Netherlands borders Germany ... | (2) | ... its canals and museums. |
| (I) | Rembrandt and Van Gogh ... | (3) | ... for environmental reasons. |
| (N) | Water management is essential ... | (4) | ... major Dutch export products. |
| (R) | Many Dutch people ride bicycles ... | (5) | ... protecting the Netherlands from floods. |
| (T) | Tulips and cheese are ... | (6) | ... are notable Dutch painters. |
| (U) | Amsterdam is famous for ... | (7) | ... due to land below sea level. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of the Netherlands? |
| (R) | Utrecht |
| (S) | Amsterdam |
| (V) | Rotterdam |
| 2. | Which country does not border the Netherlands? |
| (A) | Belgium |
| (O) | France |
| (S) | Germany |
| 3. | What is the official language of the Netherlands? |
| (C) | Dutch |
| (N) | French |
| (R) | German |
| 4. | What was Anne Frank famous for? |
| (K) | Writing a diary during WWII |
| (R) | Leading a political movement |
| (V) | Painting |
| 5. | What are famous Dutch export products? |
| (A) | Electronics and cars |
| (E) | Tulips and cheese |
| (S) | Wine and olive oil |
| 6. | What is an important aspect of Dutch culture? |
| (R) | Mountain hiking |
| (T) | Bicycle usage |
| (V) | Skiing |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (I) | (V) | 1. The Netherlands is located in Western Europe. |
| (F) | (S) | 2. The Netherlands became independent in the 20th century. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. Bicycles are rarely used in the Netherlands. |
| (A) | (R) | 4. Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands. |
| (N) | (T) | 5. The Dutch language is official in the Netherlands. |
| (A) | (D) | 6. Spain is bordering the Netherlands. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is the climate of the Netherlands?

Why are dykes important in the Netherlands?

How did the Netherlands gain independence?

What are the major sectors of the Dutch economy?

Why is water management crucial in the Netherlands?

Who are some famous Dutch painters?

What is the Delta project?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Netherlands**

**Match terms**

Dykes = barriers to protect land from flooding

Temperate maritime climate = mild summers, cool winters, frequent rain

Golden Age = period of great wealth and cultural achievement

Anne Frank = Jewish girl who wrote a diary during WWII

Rijksmuseum = major museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Agriculture in economy = significant sector, includes tulip and cheese export

Bicycle culture = common use of bicycles, extensive cycle paths

Famous painters = Rembrandt and Van Gogh, significant to Dutch art

Delta project = major water management scheme in the Netherlands

Keyword: CALCULATE

**Complete sentences**

The Netherlands borders Germany | and Belgium.

Amsterdam is famous for | its canals and museums.

Many Dutch people ride bicycles | for environmental reasons.

Tulips and cheese are | major Dutch export products.

Dykes are crucial for | protecting the Netherlands from floods.

Rembrandt and Van Gogh | are notable Dutch painters.

Water management is essential | due to land below sea level.

Keyword: CURTAIN

**Questions**

What is the capital of the Netherlands?

Amsterdam

Which country does not border the Netherlands?

France

What is the official language of the Netherlands?

Dutch

What was Anne Frank famous for?

Writing a diary during WWII

What are famous Dutch export products?

Tulips and cheese

What is an important aspect of Dutch culture?

Bicycle usage

Keyword: SOCKET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. The Netherlands is located in Western Europe.

4. Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands.

5. The Dutch language is official in the Netherlands.

wrong

6. Spain is bordering the Netherlands.

2. The Netherlands became independent in the 20th century.

3. Bicycles are rarely used in the Netherlands.

Keyword: ISLAND

**Solution sheet 2**

**Netherlands**

**Questions and answers**

What is the climate of the Netherlands?

The climate is temperate maritime with mild summers and cool winters.

Why are dykes important in the Netherlands?

Dykes protect the low-lying land from flooding.

How did the Netherlands gain independence?

The Netherlands became independent from Spain in the 16th century.

What are the major sectors of the Dutch economy?

Agriculture and trade are major sectors, with tulips and cheese as key exports.

Why is water management crucial in the Netherlands?

Much of the land is below sea level, making water management vital to prevent flooding.

Who are some famous Dutch painters?

Rembrandt and Van Gogh are among the Netherlands’ most famous painters.

What is the Delta project?

The Delta project is a large-scale water management project to protect against sea flooding.