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| Belarus Exercises | about-the-world.org/3138 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Belarus | (1) | Eastern European country |
| (D) | Minsk | (2) | Warm summers, cold winters |
| (I) | Mixed economy | (3) | President since 1994 |
| (I) | Compulsory education | (4) | Capital and largest city of Belarus |
| (N) | Alexander Lukashenko | (5) | Combination of state and private sectors |
| (N) | Trading partner | (6) | Large European primeval forest |
| (O) | Temperate continental climate | (7) | Mandatory schooling from age 9 |
| (O) | Cultural influence | (8) | Russian and Polish impact |
| (T) | Białowieża Primeval Forest | (9) | Russia as primary economic ally |

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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) | Belarus borders Russia ... | (1) | ... and Ukraine in Eastern Europe. |
| (C) | Minsk is the economic ... | (2) | ... and cultural center of Belarus. |
| (E) | Belarusian and Russian are ... | (3) | ... Belarus since 1994. |
| (R) | The country’s climate features ... | (4) | ... warm summers and cold winters. |
| (S) | The Białowieża Forest is ... | (5) | ... widely spoken languages. |
| (S) | Belarusian culture includes traditional ... | (6) | ... a UNESCO World Heritage Site. |
| (T) | Alexander Lukashenko has led ... | (7) | ... music and dances. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the capital of Belarus? |
| (R) | Brest |
| (S) | Minsk |
| (V) | Gomel |
| 2. | What type of climate does Belarus have? |
| (A) | Mediterranean |
| (H) | Temperate continental |
| (S) | Tropical |
| 3. | Who has been the president of Belarus since 1994? |
| (A) | Alexander Lukashenko |
| (N) | Andrzej Duda |
| (R) | Vladimir Putin |
| 4. | What influences Belarusian culture? |
| (D) | Russian and Polish |
| (R) | American and British |
| (V) | German and French |
| 5. | What is Belarus’s main trading partner? |
| (A) | Germany |
| (O) | Russia |
| (S) | China |
| 6. | What type of economy does Belarus have? |
| (R) | Market economy |
| (V) | Command economy |
| (W) | Mixed economy |

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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 |  |
| (Q) | (V) | 1. Belarus became independent in 1991. |
| (F) | (U) | 2. Belarus has access to the sea. |
| (R) | (I) | 3. The official language of Belarus is only Russian. |
| (V) | (R) | 4. Minsk is the capital of Belarus. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. The Belarusian economy includes mechanical engineering. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Belarus was part of the Soviet Union until 2000. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is the total area of Belarus?

What is the largest university in Belarus?

What is the population of Belarus?

What is Belarus known for in nature?

What type of government has Belarus had since 1991?

What industries are important in Belarus?

What is a unique natural feature in Belarus?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Belarus**

**Match terms**

Belarus = Eastern European country

Temperate continental climate = Warm summers, cold winters

Alexander Lukashenko = President since 1994

Minsk = Capital and largest city of Belarus

Mixed economy = Combination of state and private sectors

Białowieża Primeval Forest = Large European primeval forest

Compulsory education = Mandatory schooling from age 9

Cultural influence = Russian and Polish impact

Trading partner = Russia as primary economic ally

Keyword: CONDITION

**Complete sentences**

Belarus borders Russia | and Ukraine in Eastern Europe.

Minsk is the economic | and cultural center of Belarus.

Alexander Lukashenko has led | Belarus since 1994.

The country’s climate features | warm summers and cold winters.

Belarusian and Russian are | widely spoken languages.

The Białowieża Forest is | a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Belarusian culture includes traditional | music and dances.

Keyword: ACTRESS

**Questions**

What is the capital of Belarus?

Minsk

What type of climate does Belarus have?

Temperate continental

Who has been the president of Belarus since 1994?

Alexander Lukashenko

What influences Belarusian culture?

Russian and Polish

What is Belarus’s main trading partner?

Russia

What type of economy does Belarus have?

Mixed economy

Keyword: SHADOW

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Belarus became independent in 1991.

4. Minsk is the capital of Belarus.

5. The Belarusian economy includes mechanical engineering.

wrong

6. Belarus was part of the Soviet Union until 2000.

2. Belarus has access to the sea.

3. The official language of Belarus is only Russian.

Keyword: QUIVER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Belarus**

**Questions and answers**

What is the total area of Belarus?

Belarus covers around 207,600 square kilometers.

What is the largest university in Belarus?

The University of Minsk is the largest university in Belarus.

What is the population of Belarus?

Belarus has a population of around 9.5 million people.

What is Belarus known for in nature?

Belarus is known for its forests, lakes, and rivers.

What type of government has Belarus had since 1991?

Belarus has had a controversial political history since 1991.

What industries are important in Belarus?

Mechanical engineering, chemicals, and food production are key industries.

What is a unique natural feature in Belarus?

The Białowieża Primeval Forest is a unique natural feature in Belarus.