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| Latvia Exercises | about-the-world.org/3110 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Temperate Oceanic | (1) | geographic location of Latvia |
| (B) | Northern Europe | (2) | western Latvia’s climate type |
| (I) | Gauja National Park | (3) | eastern Latvia’s climate type |
| (L) | Continental Climate | (4) | year Latvia declared freedom |
| (L) | Independence (1918) | (5) | year Latvia was occupied |
| (N) | Latvian | (6) | Latvia is a member |
| (O) | European Union | (7) | Latvia’s largest park |
| (P) | Soviet Occupation (1940) | (8) | official language of Latvia |
| (T) | Song Festival | (9) | important Latvian cultural event |

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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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| (G) | The Song Festival in Latvia ... | (1) | ... and borders Estonia. |
| (H) | Riga, Latvia’s capital, lies ... | (2) | ... on the River Daugava. |
| (H) | Latvia’s economy relies on ... | (3) | ... winters can be cold. |
| (O) | Independence was restored ... | (4) | ... in Latvia in 1991. |
| (R) | Latvian summers are mild, ... | (5) | ... abundant in Latvia. |
| (T) | Latvia is in Northern Europe ... | (6) | ... is a UNESCO site. |
| (U) | Forests, lakes, rivers are ... | (7) | ... services, agriculture, industry. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Latvia’s location? |
| (B) | Northern Europe |
| (R) | Eastern Europe |
| (V) | Southern Europe |
| 2. | Which sea borders Latvia? |
| (A) | Baltic Sea |
| (B) | North Sea |
| (S) | Black Sea |
| 3. | What is the capital of Latvia? |
| (N) | Tallinn |
| (R) | Riga |
| (T) | Vilnius |
| 4. | When did Latvia declare independence? |
| (B) | 1918 |
| (R) | 1991 |
| (V) | 1945 |
| 5. | What type of climate does western Latvia have? |
| (A) | Tropical |
| (E) | Temperate Oceanic |
| (S) | Continental |
| 6. | Which is a major Latvian cultural event? |
| (A) | Film Festival |
| (R) | Song Festival |
| (V) | Fashion Week |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (C) | (V) | 1. Latvia is located in Northern Europe. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Latvia’s climate is tropical. |
| (T) | (R) | 3. Russia is Latvia’s only bordering country. |
| (E) | (R) | 4. Riga is the capital city of Latvia. |
| (A) | (T) | 5. Latvia regained independence in 1991. |
| (A) | (L) | 6. Riga is famous for its modern architecture. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is Latvia’s population?

What is the largest ethnic group in Latvia?

Describe Latvia’s economy.

What is unique about Latvia’s nature?

What languages are spoken in Latvia?

What is Latvia known for in terms of culture?

What happened to Latvia in 1940?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Latvia**

**Match terms**

Northern Europe = geographic location of Latvia

Temperate Oceanic = western Latvia’s climate type

Continental Climate = eastern Latvia’s climate type

Independence (1918) = year Latvia declared freedom

Soviet Occupation (1940) = year Latvia was occupied

European Union = Latvia is a member

Gauja National Park = Latvia’s largest park

Latvian = official language of Latvia

Song Festival = important Latvian cultural event

Keyword: BALLPOINT

**Complete sentences**

Latvia is in Northern Europe | and borders Estonia.

Riga, Latvia’s capital, lies | on the River Daugava.

Latvian summers are mild, | winters can be cold.

Independence was restored | in Latvia in 1991.

Forests, lakes, rivers are | abundant in Latvia.

The Song Festival in Latvia | is a UNESCO site.

Latvia’s economy relies on | services, agriculture, industry.

Keyword: THROUGH

**Questions**

What is Latvia’s location?

Northern Europe

Which sea borders Latvia?

Baltic Sea

What is the capital of Latvia?

Riga

When did Latvia declare independence?

1918

What type of climate does western Latvia have?

Temperate Oceanic

Which is a major Latvian cultural event?

Song Festival

Keyword: BARBER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Latvia is located in Northern Europe.

4. Riga is the capital city of Latvia.

5. Latvia regained independence in 1991.

wrong

6. Riga is famous for its modern architecture.

2. Latvia’s climate is tropical.

3. Russia is Latvia’s only bordering country.

Keyword: CEREAL

**Solution sheet 2**

**Latvia**

**Questions and answers**

What is Latvia’s population?

Latvia’s population is about 1.9 million people.

What is the largest ethnic group in Latvia?

Latvians are the largest ethnic group in Latvia.

Describe Latvia’s economy.

Latvia has an open economy with services as the largest GDP contributor.

What is unique about Latvia’s nature?

Latvia has many forests, lakes, rivers, and the Gauja National Park.

What languages are spoken in Latvia?

Latvian is the official language, Russian and English are also spoken.

What is Latvia known for in terms of culture?

Latvia is known for its music, dance, handicrafts, and the Song Festival.

What happened to Latvia in 1940?

Latvia was occupied by the Soviet Union in 1940.