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| The Gambia Exercises | about-the-world.org/3153 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Yahya Jammeh | (1) | warm weather with distinct seasons |
| (B) | Tropical climate | (2) | a major ethnic group in Gambia |
| (E) | Mandinka | (3) | former President of Gambia |
| (F) | Griots | (4) | capital city of Gambia |
| (I) | Kora | (5) | mainstay of Gambia’s economy |
| (L) | Literacy rate | (6) | a traditional Gambian instrument |
| (T) | Agriculture | (7) | Gambian cultural storytellers |
| (U) | Banjul | (8) | a wildlife conservation area |
| (U) | Abuko Nature Reserve | (9) | measure of reading and writing skills |

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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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| (B) | Gambia is the smallest ... | (1) | ... country in mainland Africa. |
| (C) | Peanuts are a major ... | (2) | ... an island in Gambia. |
| (I) | Banjul is located on ... | (3) | ... instrument in Gambia. |
| (I) | Gambia’s economy relies ... | (4) | ... export product of Gambia. |
| (S) | The kora is a popular ... | (5) | ... Gambia is from June to October. |
| (T) | Over 60% of Gambia’s ... | (6) | ... heavily on tourism. |
| (U) | The rainy season in ... | (7) | ... population is under 25. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Gambia’s climate type? |
| (C) | tropical |
| (R) | temperate |
| (V) | desert |
| 2. | Who were the primary rulers of Gambia before independence? |
| (A) | Britain |
| (B) | Spain |
| (S) | France |
| 3. | What is the capital city of Gambia? |
| (N) | Conakry |
| (R) | Dakar |
| (T) | Banjul |
| 4. | What is Gambia’s main export product? |
| (R) | coffee |
| (T) | peanuts |
| (V) | cocoa |
| 5. | Which river flows through Gambia? |
| (A) | Nile River |
| (L) | Gambia River |
| (S) | Senegal River |
| 6. | What instrument is popular in Gambian culture? |
| (E) | kora |
| (R) | djembé |
| (V) | guitar |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (P) | (V) | 1. Gambia is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west. |
| (F) | (L) | 2. Senegal is located to the west of Gambia. |
| (R) | (A) | 3. Banjul is not the capital of Gambia. |
| (N) | (R) | 4. Gambia gained independence from Britain in 1965. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. English is the official language of Gambia. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. Gambia has no significant wildlife or bird species. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is the Gambia River known for?

What is significant about Gambia’s population?

What is Banjul’s role in Gambia?

Why is agriculture important in Gambia?

What type of climate does Gambia have?

How is education structured in Gambia?

What role do Griots play in Gambia?

**Solution sheet 1**

**The Gambia**

**Match terms**

Tropical climate = warm weather with distinct seasons

Mandinka = a major ethnic group in Gambia

Yahya Jammeh = former President of Gambia

Banjul = capital city of Gambia

Agriculture = mainstay of Gambia’s economy

Kora = a traditional Gambian instrument

Griots = Gambian cultural storytellers

Abuko Nature Reserve = a wildlife conservation area

Literacy rate = measure of reading and writing skills

Keyword: BEAUTIFUL

**Complete sentences**

Gambia is the smallest | country in mainland Africa.

Banjul is located on | an island in Gambia.

The kora is a popular | instrument in Gambia.

Peanuts are a major | export product of Gambia.

The rainy season in | Gambia is from June to October.

Gambia’s economy relies | heavily on tourism.

Over 60% of Gambia’s | population is under 25.

Keyword: BISCUIT

**Questions**

What is Gambia’s climate type?

tropical

Who were the primary rulers of Gambia before independence?

Britain

What is the capital city of Gambia?

Banjul

What is Gambia’s main export product?

peanuts

Which river flows through Gambia?

Gambia River

What instrument is popular in Gambian culture?

kora

Keyword: CATTLE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Gambia is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

4. Gambia gained independence from Britain in 1965.

5. English is the official language of Gambia.

wrong

6. Gambia has no significant wildlife or bird species.

2. Senegal is located to the west of Gambia.

3. Banjul is not the capital of Gambia.

Keyword: PLANET

**Solution sheet 2**

**The Gambia**

**Questions and answers**

What is the Gambia River known for?

The Gambia River flows through the country from east to west.

What is significant about Gambia’s population?

Gambia’s population is very young, with over 60% under 25 years old.

What is Banjul’s role in Gambia?

Banjul is the capital and hosts a crucial port for exports.

Why is agriculture important in Gambia?

Agriculture, especially peanuts, is vital to Gambia’s economy.

What type of climate does Gambia have?

Gambia has a tropical climate with a rainy and a dry season.

How is education structured in Gambia?

Education in Gambia is free and compulsory for children between 7 and 16.

What role do Griots play in Gambia?

Griots are crucial in preserving Gambian cultural heritage through storytelling.