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| Syria Exercises | about-the-world.org/3264 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Desert climate | (1) | large sea south of Europe |
| (A) | Civil war | (2) | extreme temperature fluctuations |
| (C) | Mediterranean Sea | (3) | capital city of Syria |
| (C) | Euphrates | (4) | important river in Syria |
| (E) | Gazelles | (5) | historic empire in the region |
| (L) | Damascus | (6) | land good for agriculture |
| (L) | Fertile plains | (7) | armed conflict within a country |
| (T) | Hummus | (8) | Middle Eastern chickpea spread |
| (U) | Ottoman Empire | (9) | swift, slender antelope species |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Damascus is a city ... | (1) | ... with several countries. |
| (C) | Syrian culture includes ... | (2) | ... known for its history. |
| (E) | The Euphrates is an ... | (3) | ... Syria’s economic pillars. |
| (F) | Syria shares its borders ... | (4) | ... music and dance. |
| (S) | Education in Syria was ... | (5) | ... important water source. |
| (T) | Many Syrians have fled ... | (6) | ... due to civil war. |
| (U) | Agriculture and oil are ... | (7) | ... affected by the war. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What sea does Syria border? |
| (B) | Mediterranean Sea |
| (R) | Caspian Sea |
| (V) | Red Sea |
| 2. | What is the capital of Syria? |
| (A) | Homs |
| (L) | Damascus |
| (S) | Aleppo |
| 3. | Which river is important in Syria? |
| (N) | Tigris |
| (O) | Euphrates |
| (R) | Nile |
| 4. | Which empire did Syria belong to? |
| (R) | Persian Empire |
| (U) | Ottoman Empire |
| (V) | Roman Empire |
| 5. | What is a significant aspect of Syrian culture? |
| (A) | architecture |
| (D) | ice sports |
| (S) | music and dance |
| 6. | What type of climate is found in eastern Syria? |
| (E) | desert climate |
| (R) | tropical climate |
| (V) | temperate climate |

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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. Syria is located in the Middle East. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Syria has a uniform climate throughout. |
| (T) | (R) | 3. Lebanon does not border Syria. |
| (E) | (R) | 4. Damascus is one of the oldest inhabited cities. |
| (A) | (T) | 5. Syria’s economy relies on agriculture and oil. |
| (A) | (L) | 6. Damascus is known for its modern architecture. |

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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 Damascus famous for?

What kind of climate is there in western Syria?

What are some Syrian exports?

How has the Syrian civil war affected education?

What type of government did Syria gain independence from?

What are some examples of Syrian wildlife?

What is a traditional Syrian dish?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Syria**

**Match terms**

Mediterranean Sea = large sea south of Europe

Desert climate = extreme temperature fluctuations

Damascus = capital city of Syria

Euphrates = important river in Syria

Ottoman Empire = historic empire in the region

Fertile plains = land good for agriculture

Civil war = armed conflict within a country

Hummus = Middle Eastern chickpea spread

Gazelles = swift, slender antelope species

Keyword: CALCULATE

**Complete sentences**

Syria shares its borders | with several countries.

Damascus is a city | known for its history.

Agriculture and oil are | Syria’s economic pillars.

Syrian culture includes | music and dance.

The Euphrates is an | important water source.

Many Syrians have fled | due to civil war.

Education in Syria was | affected by the war.

Keyword: FAUCETS

**Questions**

What sea does Syria border?

Mediterranean Sea

What is the capital of Syria?

Damascus

Which river is important in Syria?

Euphrates

Which empire did Syria belong to?

Ottoman Empire

What is a significant aspect of Syrian culture?

music and dance

What type of climate is found in eastern Syria?

desert climate

Keyword: BLOUSE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Syria is located in the Middle East.

4. Damascus is one of the oldest inhabited cities.

5. Syria’s economy relies on agriculture and oil.

wrong

6. Damascus is known for its modern architecture.

2. Syria has a uniform climate throughout.

3. Lebanon does not border Syria.

Keyword: CEREAL

**Solution sheet 2**

**Syria**

**Questions and answers**

What is Damascus famous for?

Damascus is known for its historic buildings and markets.

What kind of climate is there in western Syria?

Western Syria has a Mediterranean climate.

What are some Syrian exports?

Syria exports cotton and grain.

How has the Syrian civil war affected education?

The civil war has damaged many schools and affected education.

What type of government did Syria gain independence from?

Syria gained independence from French colonial rule.

What are some examples of Syrian wildlife?

Syrian wildlife includes gazelles and various bird species.

What is a traditional Syrian dish?

A traditional Syrian dish is hummus.