GOVERNMENT OF DUBAI

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Read the text and answer the questions in full sentences

Text
What does someone mean when they say something is Mediterranean? According to the country fact file, the Mediterranean includes some parts of France, Portugal, Italy, Spain and all of Greece, Malta, and Cyprus. Most countries are on the Mediterranean Sea and have hot, dry summers, cool winters and a generally hilly landscape. The Mediterranean in France is called the French Riviera. In Italy, the Mediterranean includes the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. Sicily is the largest Mediterranean island with an area of 25,700 kilometres. It is known as the Italian Riviera. In Spain, the Mediterranean locations include Malaga, Barcelona and Valencia. Greece is usually the first country that most people think of as Mediterranean. The ancient Greeks made sea trade popular in that area. There are 1,400 Greek islands and 83 of them are part of the Mediterranean. Malta is another island. It is one of the smallest countries in Europe but the biggest Mediterranean island. Another island, called Cyprus, is very close to the Middle East and Europe. It is located south of the coast of Turkey, west of Syria and Lebanon, north of Egypt and east of Greece. The Mediterranean is the world's most famous sea. It separates Africa, Asia, and Europe. The beaches extend for 46,000 kilometres and it has over 3,300 islands. The popular crops from the Mediterranean region, such as lemons and olives, can survive the long, dry, summer months. The warm climate of the Mediterranean Sea region allowed many ancient peoples to live there. They developed the traditions of philosophy, art, literature, and medicine which are at the roots of modern Western and Middle Eastern culture.

Questions		Answer
Understanding Overall Meaning	Write a sentence that summarises the text.	
Identifying Specific	Why is Greece so well known as an island?	
Making Connections	Compare the African, Asian and European parts of the Mediterranean	

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