

Reading Exercise 1

Read the description. Using the information from the text, complete the graphic organiser below.

Laos is a landlocked country in the heart of mainland Southeast Asia, bordering five countries: Myanmar, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. It has a population of about 6.8 million. The main religions in Laos are Buddhism, Laotian folk religion, Christianity and Islam.

The climate of Laos is tropical monsoon. The rainy season is from May to November and the dry season is from December to April.

Laos is made up of many small provinces. There are numerous tourist attractions in most of the provinces. Tourism is one of the main sources of the economy in Laos. The official tourism slogan is 'Simply Beautiful'. One can see colonial architecture in Luang Prabang and numerous ancient temples in Vientiane and, of course, Wat Phu, an ancient Khmer temple complex in the Champasak Province.

Laos also has many forests and trekking sites for nature and wildlife lovers. One can visit hill tribes in Phongsaly and Luang Namtha and see tigers and other wildlife in Nam Et-Phou Louey, caves and waterfalls near a place called Thakhek. Whatever your interests are, Laos has everything to satisfy your interests.

