



What Do You Know about the Mediterranean?

Mediterranean... The Best Weather!

There are some coastal regions on **earth** that are near the Mediterranean sea. The weather is mild and there are only two seasons: summer and winter. This **climate** is called Mediterranean.



It is usually warm, hot, and dry when it is summer. The winter **season** is **mild** or cool and it usually rains.

› Landscape: The Mediterranean landscape has rivers with an irregular flow, and they carry very little water.

The vegetation is made up of trees such as holm oaks and pine trees. Grape vines, fig trees, olive trees, and citrus trees also grow. There are also shrubs and aromatic plants such as lavender and rosemary.

› Human Impact: The human impact on the Mediterranean landscape is noticeable! Many forests are cut down to **plant** wheat, olive trees, and create pasture for livestock. Many inland and coastal **areas** are transformed to build hotels and resorts for tourism.

01) Read "Mediterranean... The Best Weather!" and choose the correct answer.

1. What two seasons does the Mediterranean have?
a. summer and winter **b.** fall and spring
2. Does it rain during the winter?
a. No, it doesn't **b.** Yes, it does.
3. What kind of trees grow there?
a. fruit and pine trees **b.** weeping willows
4. What kind of herbs grow there?
a. chamomile **b.** lavender and rosemary
5. Why are many areas being transformed?
a. to build schools **b.** to build resorts and hotels

02) Match the words from the left column that relate to the ones in the right column.

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| 1. plant | a. coastal, inland |
| 2. areas | b. hot, cold, warm, rainy |
| 3. season | c. continents, seas, land |
| 4. mild | d. dirt, shovel, seeds |
| 5. earth | e. moderate, mellow |
| 6. climate | f. winter, spring, fall |



Social Studies

How Many Oceans Are There?

Oceans and Continents

Most of the earth is **covered** by water. About 71% of earth's surface is under the oceans and seas. The dry land of the continents makes up 29% of the earth's surface.

The continents are very **large** land masses, **surrounded** by oceans and seas. The seven continents are Asia, South America, North America, Africa, Europe, Antarctica, and Australia.

The five oceans are connected to each other, and they are:

- › Pacific Ocean: It is the largest and **deepest** ocean.
- › Atlantic Ocean: It is the second largest ocean.
- › Indian Ocean: It has no natural **border** separating it from the Atlantic.
- › Southern Ocean: It is almost **frozen** for most of the year.
- › Arctic Ocean: It is the smallest ocean. It is also frozen.



01) Read "Oceans and Continents" and complete the list from the smallest to the largest by dragging the correct answer from the text.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

02) Answer the questions.

- A) Percentage of earth covered by water.
- B) Percentage of dry land in Earth.
- C) How many Oceans are there in Earth?
- D) How many Continents?



Social Studies

What Is the Scenery in the Coastal Regions Like?

Oceanic Landscapes

Oceanic landscapes are usually very green. Their vegetation is abundant because of **regular rainfall**. There are various types of oceanic landscapes:

- › There are deciduous trees, such as oaks and beeches, which lose their leaves in fall.
- › There are moors in areas where the soil is poor. **Bushes** and short **grasses** grow in the moors.
- › There are meadows where grass grows, which is normally used as pasture for animals.

The Oceanic Climate

Also known as the **maritime** climate, it is mainly found in **coastal** regions in temperate zones:

- › Temperatures are mild all year round because the ocean is not far away.
- › Precipitation is heavy and regular. It rains in all seasons. Consequently, rivers always have an abundant, regular flow.

01) Read the text "Oceanic Landscapes" and choose "T" if the statement is true or "F" if it is false.

1. Bushes and short grasses grow in deciduous forests.
2. In a maritime climate, precipitation is heavy and all year round.
3. Oceanic climate is also called maritime climate.
4. The maritime climate is normally found in cold zones of coastal regions.
5. Oceanic landscapes are very dry and lack vegetation because of the lack of rain.

02) Join the words with their definitions.

1. Rainfall

2. Coastal

3. Grass

4. Bush

- a) vegetation consisting of typically short plants with long, narrow leaves, growing wild or cultivated on lawns and pasture, and as a fodder crop.
- b) the quantity of rain falling within a given area in a given time.
- c) a shrub or clump of shrubs with stems of moderate length.
- d) of or near a coast.

03) Match the halves to create complete sentences.

1. You can find green areas

2. You might see

3. Animals might use

4. You can find

5. Rain in the oceanic climate can

a. meadows as pasture.

b. in oceanic landscapes.

c. mild temperatures in the maritime climate.

d. oaks and beeches without leaves in fall.

e. be considered regular because it is constant.