



What Do You Know about the Mediterranean?

01 Work with a classmate. What kind of weather do you imagine when you think of the Mediterranean? Discuss your answers.

02 Read "Mediterranean... The Best Weather!" Circle the correct answers to the questions. Compare with a classmate.

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

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.



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

- plant
- areas
- season
- mild
- earth
- climate

- coastal, inland
- hot, cold, warm, rainy
- continents, seas, land
- dirt, shovel, seeds
- moderate, mellow
- winter, spring, fall



06 Read the text about a boy's trip to Greece. Greece is near the Mediterranean sea. Circle the sentences that are joined by *when* and *where*.

I went to the island of Mikonos last year. It was a really cool experience. We stayed at the hotel where my cousins stayed last year. It was really a funny coincidence when we found out about it.

My parents wanted to go in September because this is the month when they celebrate the Harvest Festival. The day of the festival, we had lunch at the place where the locals eat. It was a fun day!



07 Look at the circled sentences in Exercise 6 again. Rewrite two of them with a new idea of your own. Compare with a classmate.

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