



## BEFORE READING

### 1. Choose the word in each group that is different from the others.

- 1 lake river sea France
- 2 shop road school factory
- 3 ocean airport harbour train station
- 4 dive drive surf swim

### 2. Match the words to their definitions.

1 currency	a very good to eat or drink
2 population	b money in a country
3 tourism	c the number of people in a place
4 delicious	d business with tourists

## READING

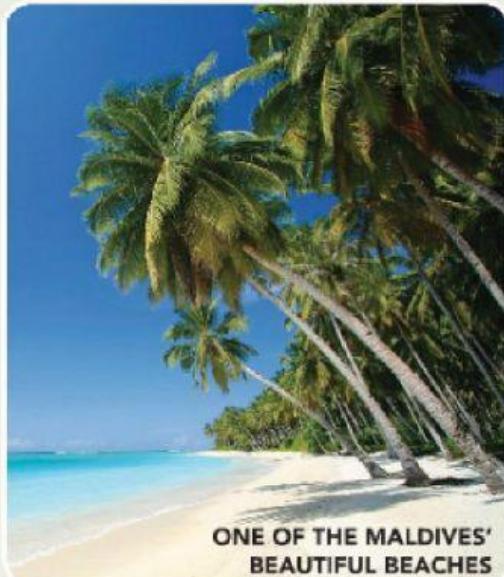
### 3. Read the text and match the topics to the paragraphs.

1 languages	—	5 hobbies and sports	—
2 the population	—	6 where the Maldives are	—
3 a young Maldivian's home	—	7 traditional food	—
4 the economy	—	8 the capital city	—

# The Maldives

## - AN OVERVIEW

- A** The Maldives are islands in the Indian Ocean. The islands are near Sri Lanka. The Maldives are famous for their good climate, beautiful beaches and warm seas.
- B** There are 360,000 people in the Maldives. Most people live on small islands.
- C** The capital city of the Maldives is Malé. It is a modern city with an international airport and a big harbour.
- D** People in Malé speak English and Dhivehi. English is useful because many tourists come here.
- E** Tourism and fishing are the most important businesses in the Maldives. Many people work in tourist resorts. Others work as fishermen or in fish factories. The currency is the rufiyaa.



### FACT FILE

**FULL NAME:** Republic of Maldives  
**POPULATION:** 360,000  
**CAPITAL CITY:** Malé  
**GEOGRAPHY:** 1,190 islands  
**CLIMATE:** good, average temperature 30 °C  
**LANGUAGES:** Dhivehi and English  
**RELIGION:** Islam  
**CURRENCY:** rufiyaa  
**INDUSTRY:** tourism and fishing



### MEET THE LOCALS

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**F** I live on an island south of Malé. Life on my island is very simple. There are some shops and one mosque. We speak Dhivehi, but we also learn English in high school.

**G** The Maldives are famous for their fish. The most popular food here is *garudiya*. It's a delicious fish soup.

**H** People in the Maldives like to swim and dive.

