# Vocabulary Test: The Berlin Wall & The Cold War

## Part I – Matching

**Directions:** Match each vocabulary word with the correct definition. Write the letter of the correct definition on the line.

### Vocabulary Words

1. _____ Cold War
2. _____ Communism
3. _____ Soviet Union (USSR)
4. _____ Capitalism
5. _____ East Germany
6. _____ West Germany
7. _____ Berlin Wall
8. _____ East Berlin
9. _____ West Berlin
10. _____ Iron Curtain
11. _____ Checkpoint Charlie
12. _____ Defection
13. _____ Reunification
14. _____ Fall of the Berlin Wall
15. _____ German Reunification

### Definitions

**A.** The process of bringing East and West Germany together into one country.

**B.** A political and economic system in which property and resources are largely controlled by the state.

**C.** The western part of Berlin controlled by the United States, Great Britain, and France during the Cold War.

**D.** The eastern part of Berlin controlled by East Germany during the Cold War.

**E.** A period of political, military, and economic tension between the United States and the Soviet Union.

**F.** The communist country that existed in Eastern Europe from 1949 to 1990.

**G.** A famous crossing point between East and West Berlin.

**H.** The process by which East and West Germany officially became one country on October 3, 1990.

**I.** A term describing the division between communist Eastern Europe and democratic Western Europe.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

**J.** A political and economic system based largely on private ownership, businesses, and competition.

**K.** Leaving one country or political system to live in another, often for political reasons.

**L.** A wall built in 1961 by East Germany to prevent people from leaving East Berlin and East Germany for the West.

**M.** The opening and eventual destruction of the Berlin Wall beginning on November 9, 1989.

**N.** The communist country that was the main rival of the United States during the Cold War.

**O.** The democratic country officially known as the Federal Republic of Germany.

---

# Part II – Multiple Choice

**Directions:** Circle the best answer.

1. What was the Cold War?

A. A war fought entirely in Germany
B. A period of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union
C. A war between East and West Berlin
D. A conflict that ended World War I

1. Which country was the main rival of the United States during the Cold War?

A. Canada
B. France
C. Soviet Union
D. Japan

1. Why was the Berlin Wall built?

A. To protect West Berlin from invasion
B. To prevent people from leaving East Germany for the West
C. To divide France and Germany
D. To help people travel between East and West Berlin

1. When was the Berlin Wall built?

A. 1945
B. 1949
C. 1961
D. 1989

1. What was the Iron Curtain?



LIVEWORKSHEETS

A. A physical wall surrounding all of Europe
B. A term describing the division b/w communist E. Europe & democratic W. Europe
C. A wall built around West Berlin
D. A military base in Germany

1. Which economic system is based largely on private ownership and competition?

A. Communism
B. Capitalism
C. Socialism
D. Dictatorship

1. Which political & economic system was associated with the Soviet Union and East Germany?

A. Capitalism
B. Democracy
C. Communism
D. Monarchy

1. What was Checkpoint Charlie?

A. A famous crossing point between East and West Berlin
B. A Soviet military leader
C. A German president
D. A section of the Berlin Wall that was never opened

1. What happened on November 9, 1989?

A. The Berlin Wall was built.
B. World War II ended.
C. The Berlin Wall began to open and fall.
D. Germany was divided into East and West.

1. What happened when Germany was reunified?

A. East and West Germany became one country.
B. Germany was divided into three countries.
C. The Berlin Wall was rebuilt.
D. Germany became part of the Soviet Union.

---

# Part III – Fill in the Blank

**Directions:** Use the word bank to complete each sentence.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

**Word Bank**

**Berlin Wall | Cold War | communism | capitalism | Soviet Union | East Germany | Berlin**

**West Germany | Iron Curtain | Checkpoint Charlie | defection | reunification | East **

1. The _____ was a period of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union.
2. The _____ was a communist country located in Eastern Europe during the Cold War.
3. The _____ was the democratic country located west of East Germany during the Cold War.
4. The _____ was a wall built in 1961 to prevent people from leaving East Germany for the West.
5. _____ is a political and economic system in which property and resources are largely controlled by the state.
6. _____ is an economic system based largely on private ownership and competition.
7. The _____ was the main rival of the United States during the Cold War.
8. The _____ was the eastern part of Berlin controlled by East Germany.
9. The _____ was a famous crossing point between East and West Berlin.
10. The _____ was a term used to describe the division between communist Eastern Europe and democratic Western Europe.
11. A _____ is leaving one country or political system to live in another, often for political reasons.
12. _____ is the process of bringing East and West Germany together into one country.

---

# Part IV – True or False

**Directions:** Write **T or F on the line.**

1. _____ The Cold War was a period of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union.
2. _____ The Berlin Wall was built in 1961.
3. _____ The Berlin Wall was built to make it easier for people to leave East Germany.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

4. _____ East Germany was a communist country.

5. _____ West Germany was a democratic country.

6. _____ Capitalism is based largely on private ownership and competition.

7. _____ Communism was associated with the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

8. _____ Checkpoint Charlie was a famous crossing point in Berlin.

9. _____ The Berlin Wall began to fall in 1989.

10. _____ Germany was officially reunified on October 3, 1990.

11. _____ The Iron Curtain referred to the division between communist Eastern Europe and democratic Western Europe.

12. _____ East Berlin was controlled by West Germany during the Cold War.

---

# Part V – Vocabulary in Context

**Directions:** Choose the vocabulary word that best completes each sentence.

1. The _____ separated East Berlin from West Berlin.

A. Iron Curtain
B. Berlin Wall
C. Checkpoint Charlie
D. Cold War

1. The United States and the Soviet Union competed for political and military influence during the _____.

A. German Reunification
B. Cold War
C. Defection
D. Capitalism

1. A person who leaves one country or political system to live in another may be described as a _____.

A. defector
B. capitalist



LIVEWORKSHEETS

C. checkpoint
D. reunification

1. On October 3, 1990, _____ officially took place.

A. the Cold War
B. the Berlin Wall construction
C. German Reunification
D. the Iron Curtain

1. The _____ was a major symbol of the division between communist and democratic Europe.

A. Berlin Wall
B. Voting Rights Act
C. March on Washington
D. Checkpoint Charlie

1. The fall of the Berlin Wall was an important event because it symbolized the weakening of the _____.

A. Civil Rights Movement
B. Cold War division in Europe
C. American Revolution
D. Great Depression

---



LIVEWORKSHEETS