

- Where in the world is the Mediterranean?
- Why do Mediterranean countries have a better climate than we do?
- How does the climate support food production in Mediterranean countries and what does this mean to us in the UK?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a Mediterranean country?
- What is so special about the Mediterranean that makes it a popular holiday destination?

The Mediterranean Sea is the body of water that separates Europe, Africa and Asia. The Mediterranean Sea is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by a narrow passage called the Strait of Gibraltar. It is between the southern tip of Spain and northern Morocco

Climate

The Mediterranean climate is a very pleasant climate with warm, dry summers and cool, mild winters. It gets its name from the Mediterranean Sea. Most of the coastal land around the Mediterranean Sea experiences this climate.

Key Vocab and Glossary

Mediterranean: From the Latin meaning 'middle of the land'.

Equator: An imaginary line around the 'middle' of the earth. The sun's rays hit the equator directly, making places located near to it very warm.

Latitude: A measurement that gives the location of a place on the Earth north or south of the equator. Maps sometimes use imaginary lines of latitude and longitude to help us locate places.

Longitude: A measurement that gives the location of a place on the Earth east or west of the equator.

Climate: The long term pattern of weather conditions.

Physical features: Natural features of the Earth's surface e.g. rivers, mountains, coasts, canyons, peninsulas.

Human features: Features built by humans e.g. buildings, roads, bridges

Peninsula: A region of land that sticks out in a body of water, with water on three sides

Inhabit: To live or dwell in a place

Population: The whole number of people living in a country, city or area



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