

Autumn 2: The Mediterranean

Key Questions

- 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.

Useful Links

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zr7hyrd>

<http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/infopage/medsea.htm>

<https://sites.google.com/site/climatetypes/mediterranean>

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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.

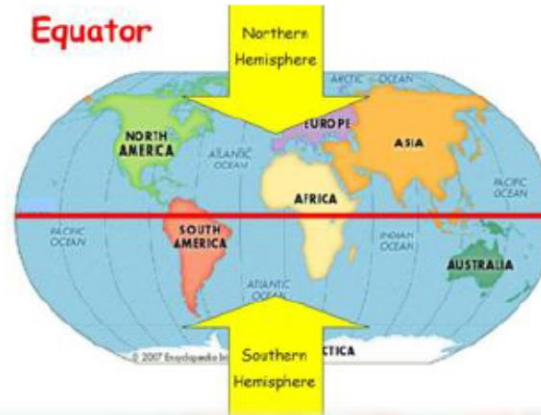
Physical features: Natural features of the Earth's surface e.g. rivers, mountains, coasts, canyons, peninsulas.

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



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.

Country	Capital	Language
Italy	Rome	Italian
Spain	Madrid	Spanish
Portugal	Lisbon	Portuguese
Greece	Athens	Greek
Turkey	Ankara	Turkish
France (Southern)	Paris	French
Malta	Valletta	Maltese



Saying 'Hello'

France – Bonjour

Spain – Hola

Italy – Ciao

Portugal – Olá

Greece – Yassas (Yeah-Sas)

Turkey – Merhaba

Malta – Bongu