

West African countries– Mali

1 New words for this article - Nouveaux mots pour cet article

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| 1 | desert | a land with no water, and only sand |
| 2 | trade | business of buying and selling |
| 3 | astronomy | the study of stars and planets |
| 4 | griot | storyteller |

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- Where does it rain in Mali?
- Which is the biggest group of people?
- What is the most famous city in Mali?
- When did the city of Djenne start?
- What is in jollof rice?

3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- Mali is a large country in West Africa. It has 18 million people.
- It is a big country – as big as Angola or South Africa.
- Some of the country of Mali is in the Sahara desert – there is a lot of desert sand in the north of the country.
- It is very hot there and no plants can grow. Mali is one of the hottest countries in the world.
- In the south of Mali, there is a little rain from June to December. In the north, there is no rain.

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- How many people live in Mali?
- What Empire was Mali part of?
- What groups of people live in the north?
- How many languages are there in Mali?

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) – Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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| A | In the year 1300 AD |
| B | it was bigger than modern Mali |
| C | In history there was a lot of |
| D | People from many countries bought |
| E | trade in gold and salt. |
| F | the Mali Empire was very big |
| G | and sold things in Mali |
| H | It continued all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. |

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- Mali is one of the hottest countries in the world.
- In history there was a lot of trade in gold and salt.
- The people of Mali come from different groups – the Mandinka group is the biggest.
- 'maafe' is made from peanuts with lamb and tomatoes

7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Malian ...2... is very good. It uses rice, millet, ...2... like chicken and beef, and ...3... like spinach and baobab. In Mali they make a special ...4... from tomatoes and peanuts. They make 'fufu' from cassava and plantains. They make 'jollof rice' with rice, tomatoes, onions, chili and sometimes vegetables. These ...5... are very popular in Mali.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

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- 1 In the south
- 2 The Bambara people
- 3 Timbuktu
- 4 About 250 BC – 2000 years ago
- 5 They make 'jollof rice' with rice, tomatoes, onions, chili and sometimes vegetables

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

- 1 18 million
- 2 It was part of the Ghana Empire and the Mali Empire.
- 3 groups of people like the Tuareg and Tamasheq live in the north
- 4 there are 40 languages in Mali

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=F
B=H
C=E
D=G

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 True
- 2 True
- 3 False
- 4 False

7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 food
- 2 meat
- 3 vegetables
- 4 sauce
- 5 dishes