

Meteora worksheet

Guidelines for educators

- **Context and the area of cultural heritage:** Natural Heritage site in Greece
- **Description and justification:** A journey to Meteora and its monasteries will give you a lifetime experience provides a unique perspective on nature's majesty. In terms of acreage, Meteora is now Greece's greatest archaeological monument. Since 1989, it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and since 1995, it has been an official Greek holy site. Meteora offers magnificent scenery as well as byzantine monasteries located above high cliffs that hold rare antiques and wall murals. Students will improve their vocabulary regarding nature and the environment and learn more about Hellenic culture. Students' comprehension and speaking abilities will improve as they will get engaged to learn the subject through digital interactive means like digital storytelling.
- **Duration:** 45 minutes
- **Language level:** A2
- **Age group:** 12-18
- **Prior knowledge:** Students can generate simple sentences and use familiar everyday expressions. They can also engage with others in a straightforward manner if the other person speaks slowly and clearly and is willing to assist.

○ **Thematic area, grammatical and syntactical phenomena (learning objectives):**

In this worksheet students will:

- Learn mountain vocabulary
- Learn hiking vocabulary
- Learn to use present simple, past simple and future simple tenses
- Practice using direction and navigation expressions
- Learn to share experiences and thoughts

○ **Skills developed (or benefits for students):**

At the end of this worksheet, students will:

- Understand and use sentences and expressions related to the topic of mountains and hiking
- Understand and use expressions related to direction and navigation
- Improve their reading, writing and speaking comprehension

○ **Material needed:** Pencils and A4 copies of the below exercises, internet connection, electronic device (computer, tablet, etc.)

○ **References and resources:**

- Deriziotis, L. (n.d.) Archaeological Sites : Meteora. Retrieved from http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/3/eh352.jsp?obj_id=2442
- Mapping Europe (n.d.). Meteora Monasteries, Mainland Greece, Retrieved from <https://www.mappingeurope.com/greece/meteora-monasteries-map.htm>
- Drone Snap (2020). Meteora Monasteries, Greece by drone [Youtube]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Wx1JkCzYko>

Worksheet for the student

EXERCISE 1 (Duration: 20 minutes)

Task 1: Read the text below and fill in the missing words. There are two extra missing words. (10 minutes)¹

staying	effort
magnificent	slope
high on	top
people	characterised
together	alone
reasons	low

Niko's experience in Meteora

Meteora is one of the biggest and most important groups of monasteries in Greece after those in Mount Athos. We can locate the first traces of their history from AD 11, when the first hermits stayed there. Hermits are those people who like to live and do not want to stay together with other for religious Therefore, Meteora is the best place to be if you really enjoy alone.

When I was 13 years old, I visited that place during a school trip. It is very difficult for me to explain my experience because it was something Even according to UNESCO the rock monasteries have been a unique phenomenon and they form one of the most important attractions of Greece. I remember we visited those beautiful remaining monasteries, and in Meteora there are six active ones. These monasteries are located the mountain, and it takes time to reach the, but it is worth the

Apart from the monasteries, however, there are also very beautiful villages which are located on the of the mountain. Oh, how I missed this place!

¹ Some parts of the text have been taken from http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/3/eh352.jsp?obj_id=2442

Task 2: Watch this short video now to see what Meteora looks like:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Wx1JkCzYko>. Now you can ask yourselves “Have I imagined Meteora to be the same way that Nikos described it as I have seen in the video? Why? (5 minutes)

Task 3: Nikos is now thinking of revisiting Meteora and going for a hike. Help him to learn about the necessary items he has to take with him. Fill in the boxes with the correct item that is represented in the pictures below (5 minutes).

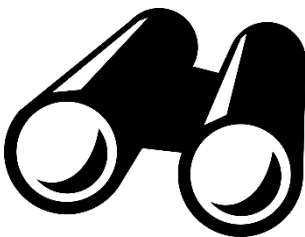
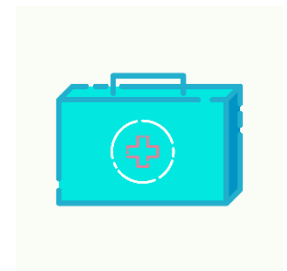



Image source: pixabay.com

EXERCISE 2: (Duration: 25 minutes)

Task 1: By looking at the map below, answer the following questions. (15 minutes)

A) Where is Hyapapanti located? (For example, you can use North, East, West, South, Close to, Next to, Over. etc.)

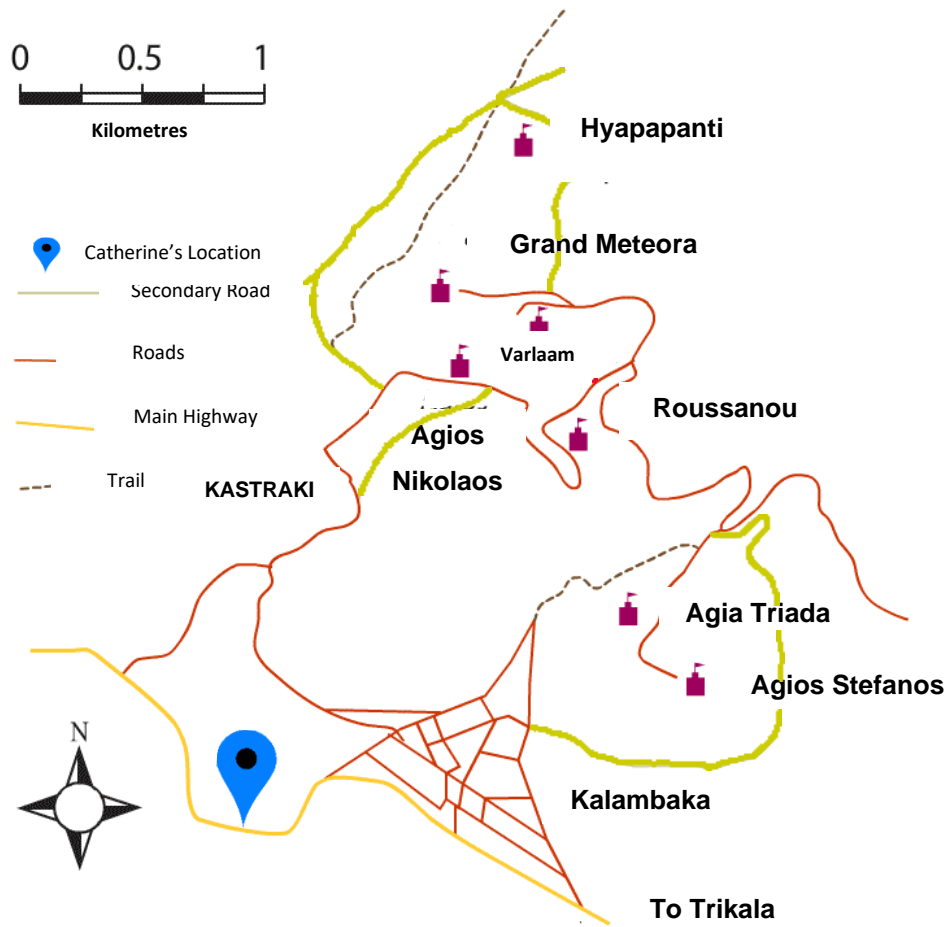
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B) How can Catherine (marked with ) go to Agios Nikolaos?

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C) How can Cathrine go to Agia Triada?

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Picture taken from <https://www.mappingeurope.com/greece/meteora-monasteries-map.htm>

Task 2: Answer the question (10 minutes).

Have you ever been to a mountain place? If yes, where and what did you do? If not, where do you plan to go and what would you like to do there? (4 sentences)

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ANSWER KEY

EXERCISE 1

Task 1

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When I was 13 years old, I visited that place during a school trip. It is very difficult for me to explain my experience because it was something **magnificent**. Even by UNESCO the rock monasteries have been **characterized** a unique phenomenon and they form one of the most important stations of Greece. I remember we visited those beautiful remaining monasteries, and in Meteora there are six active ones. These monasteries are located **high on** the mountain, and it takes time to reach the **top**, but it is worth the **effort**.

Apart from the monasteries, however, there are also very beautiful villages which are located on the **slope** of the mountain. Oh, how I missed this place!

Task 2

This is a self-reflective exercise with no correct or wrong answer.

Task 3



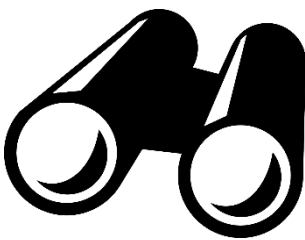
Hiking Boots



Backpack



First-aid kit



Binoculars



Compass




Hand sanitizer

EXERCISE 2:

Task 1:

A) Where is Hyapapanti located?

Possible Answer: Hyapapanti is located northeast, above Grand Meteora next to a secondary road.

B) How can Cathrine (marked with ) go to Agios Nikolaos?

Possible Answer: Catherine should cross north of the main highway and on the first road she will meet on her right she should turn. After going straight ahead of the road for a while she will encounter an intersection and then she must turn left. She, then, needs to follow the direction of the road and not enter any secondary road until she reaches Agios Nikolas that will be to her right.

D) How can Cathrine go to Agia Triada?

Possible Answer: This time Catherine should head south of the highway until she reaches the intersection and exits the main highway to enter the road. She will have to go straight along the road, to cross Kalambaka until she reaches the exit of the road and then cross the trail. After a while, Agia Triada will be on her left.

Task 2:

Check for rationality, spelling and grammar mistakes.