Human and Physical Geography with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To distinguish between human and physical geography and identify examples of each within a landscape.

Help Finn the Dolphin map out the world! Read the questions carefully and decide whether the features described are physical (natural) or human (man-made).

Word bank: Mountain · Bridge · River · Factory · Coastline · Housing Estate · Valley · Railway

1. Look at the word bank. List four examples of physical geography features that occur naturally in the environment. (2 marks)

2. Look at the word bank. List four examples of human geography features that have been built by people. (2 marks)

3. Explain the main difference between a physical feature and a human feature. Use an example to support your answer. (3 marks)

4. Imagine a town built next to a large river. Which feature is the physical geography, and which is the human geography? Why? (2 marks)

5. If a farmer builds a new fence and a barn on a grassy hill, how many human features have been added to this physical landscape? (1 mark)

6. Finn the Dolphin sees a harbour with stone walls and a lighthouse. Are these physical or human features? Explain how they help people use the ocean. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a landscape that includes at least three physical features (like a volcano or a forest) and three human features (like a road or a house). Label each one clearly!

Extension challenge: Can you think of a human feature that was built specifically because of a physical feature? For example, why might people build a tunnel through a mountain?