

Exploring Our World with Finn

Learning objective: To distinguish between human and physical geography features.

Read the story about Finn the dolphin's journey and answer the questions that follow. Use full sentences in your answers.

Finn the friendly dolphin loved exploring the coastline. As he swam, he noticed the amazing physical geography of the area. He admired the jagged cliffs made of limestone and the wide, sandy beaches where the waves crashed gently. High above, he could see snow-capped mountains reaching towards the clouds. These natural features were created over millions of years by the earth's movements and the weather.

As Finn swam closer to the shore, he spotted the human geography. He saw a bustling harbour filled with fishing boats and a long, grey bridge connecting two towns. Along the seafront, there were rows of colourful houses and a paved promenade where people walked their dogs. Finn wondered how people changed the landscape to make it easier to live and work. While the mountains and oceans were there first, the roads and buildings were added by people to create a community. Finn loved how the natural world and the man-made world existed side by side in one beautiful place.

Word bank: Physical · Human · Landscape · Infrastructure · Coastal

1. Which two natural features did Finn see high above the coastline? (2 marks)

2. What did Finn see in the harbour? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author describe the cliffs and mountains as 'physical geography' rather than 'human geography'? (2 marks)

4. How can you tell that the area Finn is visiting is a popular place for people to live? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is more important to protect physical geography or to build more human geography? Give a reason for your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Finn the dolphin looking at a scene that contains both one physical feature and one human feature.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Finn. Write a short diary entry describing one more human feature and one more physical feature you might find in a different part of the world.