

Finn's African Expedition: A Geographical Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and categorise key physical and human geographical features of the African continent.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world and needs your help to organise his findings about Africa. Look at the items in the word bank below. Sort them into two categories: 'Physical Features' (natural landscapes or climate zones) and 'Human Features' (things created or built by people). Write the items in the correct columns on your worksheet.

Word bank: Sahara Desert · Mount Kilimanjaro · Nile River · Busy markets · Victoria Falls · Traditional farming villages · Modern cities · Great Rift Valley · Trans-continental railways

1. Choose one physical feature and one human feature from the list. Explain why it is important to the people or the wildlife living in that area. (4 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the Sahara Desert with the tropical rainforests of the Congo Basin. What might happen to the local wildlife if the climate in these regions changed drastically? (4 marks)

3. Justify your answer: Why do you think most major cities in Africa were historically built near large rivers or coastlines? (3 marks)

4. If you were planning a trade route across Africa, which geographical features would be the most difficult to travel through and why? (3 marks)

5. Explain how human activity, such as building large dams, can change the physical geography of a river system. (3 marks)

6. Create a 'Passport Stamp' design for three different African countries. Research one famous landmark for each and write a short, persuasive sentence explaining why a tourist should visit that specific site. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Africa. In the correct geographical locations, draw a small symbol to represent the Sahara Desert (a sun), the Nile River (a blue wavy line), and a modern city (a tall building).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn. Write a diary entry describing a journey from the northern coast of Africa down to the southern tip. Mention at least three different biomes you passed through and how the landscape changed as you travelled.