

Exploring Africa: A Geographical Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the continent of Africa, including its physical features, climate zones, and human geography.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical vocabulary to provide detailed answers. Remember to use full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin has been busy mapping the world's oceans and coastlines. Now, he is turning his attention to the vast and diverse continent of Africa. From the scorching sands of the north to the lush, dense rainforests near the centre, Africa is home to a staggering variety of landscapes. Using his compass and maps, Finn wants to see if you can identify the unique features that make this continent so fascinating.

Word bank: Equator · Sahara · Savanna · Climate · Continent · Human geography · Physical features · Latitude · Rainforest

1. Name the imaginary line that runs through the middle of Africa, dividing the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. (1 mark)

2. Identify one major physical feature of Africa and describe the type of climate found there. (2 marks)

3. Explain why the climate in the Sahara Desert is different from the climate in the Congo Basin rainforest. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast a savanna landscape with a mountain range in Africa. How might these features affect the types of animals or plants that live there? (4 marks)

5. Give two examples of human geography in Africa, such as types of settlements or landmarks created by people. (2 marks)

6. Justify why it is important for geographers to study both physical and human geography when learning about a large continent like Africa. (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are travelling across Africa with Finn. Write a short journal entry (approx. 100 words) describing the change in landscape and climate as you travel from the north of the continent towards the Equator. Use geographical vocabulary to support your description. (5 marks)

8. What might happen to the local wildlife if a forest area was turned into a large city? Provide a reason for your answer. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Africa. Clearly label the Equator, the Sahara Desert, and one major river or mountain range.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research Task: Choose one African country. Create a fact file that includes its capital city, its currency (in £), its main language, and one famous landmark. Explain why a tourist might choose to visit this specific location.