

Finn's Asian Expedition: A Continent of Contrasts

Learning objective: To identify key geographical features, climates, and human characteristics of Asia, the world's largest continent.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the vast continent of Asia! Below are descriptions of different locations across this diverse continent. Use the word bank to correctly identify which feature, country, or biome Finn is describing. For the Greater Depth section, use your geographical knowledge to justify your answers.

Word bank: Himalayas · Gobi Desert · Tokyo · Monsoon · Yangtze River · Indonesia · Mount Everest · Siberia

1. Finn says: 'I am looking at a massive mountain range that includes the tallest peak in the world, standing over 8,800 metres high.' Name this range and the specific peak. (2 marks)

2. Finn says: 'This seasonal wind brings heavy rainfall to South Asia, which is vital for growing crops like rice.' What is this weather pattern called? (1 mark)

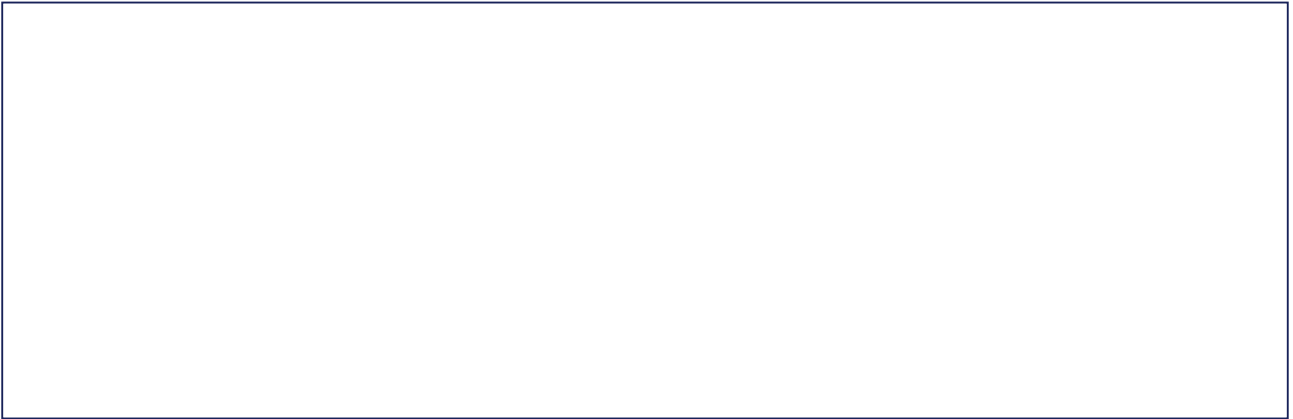
3. Finn says: 'I am floating near a vast archipelago of thousands of islands located between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.' Which country is this? (1 mark)

4. Finn says: 'This is a cold, harsh region in Northern Asia where the ground is often frozen.' Identify this region. (1 mark)

5. Compare and contrast: Why might life in the Gobi Desert be significantly different from life in a bustling city like Tokyo? Justify your answer using geographical features. (3 marks)

6. Explain why the Yangtze River is considered a vital artery for the people and economy of China. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Asia and label three distinct physical features (such as a mountain range, a desert, and a major river) that you have learned about today.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer planning a trip across Asia. Choose two contrasting locations you have studied. Write a short journal entry explaining what equipment you would need for each, and what might happen if you arrived at the Gobi Desert with only the equipment meant for a tropical rainforest.