

Exploring the Wonders of Asia with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify, locate, and describe the diverse physical and human geographical features of the continent of Asia.

Use your knowledge of world geography and an atlas to answer the following questions. Finn the Dolphin has been mapping the coastal regions of Asia and needs your help to complete his travel journal.

Asia is the largest and most populous continent on Earth. Stretching from the frozen Arctic in the north to the tropical islands near the equator, it contains a vast array of climates and landscapes. From the highest mountain ranges to bustling, modern cities, Asia offers a fascinating look at how humans adapt to their environment.

Word bank: Continent · Himalayas · Equator · Tundra · Archipelago · Monsoon · Peninsula · Urbanisation

1. Identify two major physical features found in Asia and explain why they might influence how people live in those specific areas. (2 marks)

2. Asia is often described as having a diverse range of climates. Compare and contrast the climate of a northern region like Siberia with a southern region near the equator. (2 marks)

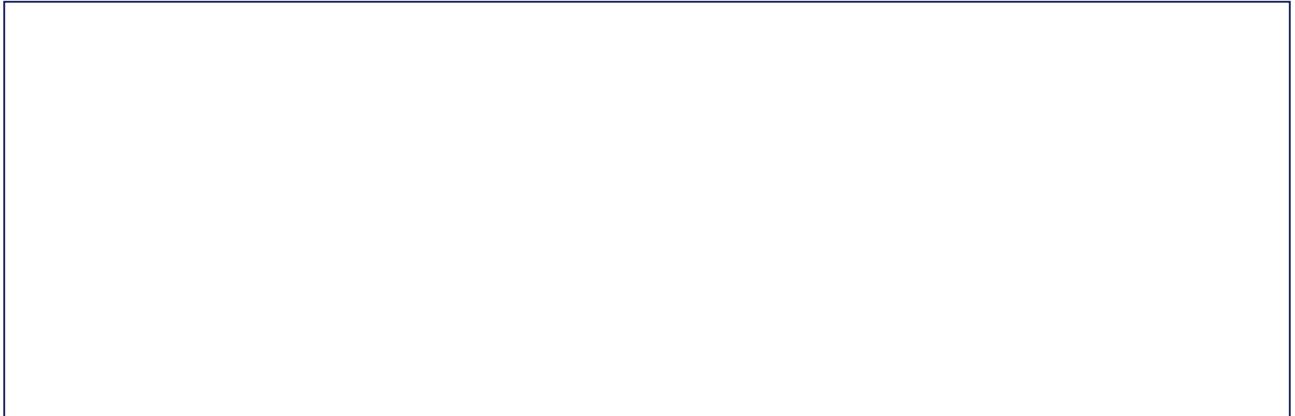
3. Justify why many of the world's longest rivers originate in the high-altitude mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas. (2 marks)

4. If you were planning a trade route across Asia, explain why you would choose to travel via coastal ports rather than through the centre of the continent. (2 marks)

5. Define the term 'archipelago' and name one country in Asia that is composed entirely of islands. (2 marks)

6. What might happen to the local wildlife and human communities if a region experienced a significantly longer monsoon season than usual? Provide reasoning for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled map of Asia showing the location of the Himalayas, the Gobi Desert, and one major ocean that borders the continent.



Extension challenge: Research a specific city in Asia. Create a short report detailing its climate, its main mode of transport, and one famous landmark. Calculate the cost of a flight from London to this city if the price is £840.50, but you have a discount voucher for £125.75.