

Exploring the Continent of Asia: A Discovery Guide

Learning objective: To write a descriptive report about the geographical features and climate of Asia using appropriate vocabulary and structure.

Use this writing frame to help you organise your research about Asia. Remember to use formal, descriptive language and include facts about the landscape, climate, and human geography of the continent.

Asia is the largest and most populous continent on Earth, covering a vast area that stretches from the frozen Arctic in the north to the tropical islands of the equator.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · vast · mountainous · diverse · tropical · temperate · on the other hand · specifically

1. Introduction: Start by stating where Asia is located and mentioning its size compared to other continents. Start with: 'Asia is a remarkable continent because...' (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Describe the main features of the land, such as mountain ranges (like the Himalayas) or major rivers. Start with: 'One of the most impressive physical features of Asia is...' (3 marks)

3. Climate Zones: Explain how the weather changes across the continent. Start with: 'Because Asia is so large, the climate varies significantly; for example...' (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Describe the cities, languages, or famous landmarks found in Asia. Start with: 'In addition to its natural beauty, Asia is home to...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why Asia is a unique place to study. Start with: 'In conclusion, Asia is a fascinating continent to explore because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine Finn the dolphin is visiting the coastal regions of Asia. Write a short diary entry from his perspective describing the sights he sees along the shoreline.