

Exploring the Continent: A European Journey with Finn

Learning objective: To describe and understand key geographical features, countries, and regions of Europe.

Use this writing scaffold to help you structure a report about a European country you have researched. Ensure you use geographical vocabulary and clear, descriptive sentences.

Finn the dolphin has travelled across the vast blue oceans to reach the coast of Europe, a continent brimming with diverse landscapes, languages, and cultures.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · situated in the · bordering · mountainous terrain · maritime climate · predominantly · in contrast to · significant · diverse

1. Location and Borders: Where is your chosen country situated within Europe, and which neighbouring countries share a border with it? Start by writing: 'My chosen country is located in...' (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Describe the primary physical features of the landscape, such as mountain ranges, major rivers, or coastal regions. Explain why these features are important to the area. (3 marks)

3. Climate and Weather: Compare and contrast the climate of this country with the climate of the United Kingdom. Justify your answer using examples of seasonal weather patterns. (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Identify the capital city and one other major city. Explain what makes these places significant for trade, tourism, or history. (3 marks)

5. Economic Activity: What are the main industries or trades in this country? If a tourist were to visit, what might they spend their money (£) on to experience the local culture? (2 marks)

6. Reflection: What might happen if the physical geography of this country were to change significantly (for example, if a mountain range disappeared)? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a travel writer. Create a persuasive brochure entry for a hidden town in your chosen country. Use rich, sensory vocabulary to convince a reader to visit, and include an estimated cost in pounds (£) for a three-day trip, explaining how you calculated this budget.