

Exploring North America with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify the key geographical features, countries, and climate zones of North America.

Use your knowledge of world geography to answer the questions below. Finn the Dolphin has been mapping the coastlines of the continent, and he needs your help to complete his travel log!

North America is a vast continent stretching from the icy Arctic Circle in the north to the tropical lands in the south. It is bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The continent is home to diverse landscapes, including towering mountain ranges, sprawling deserts, and dense forests.

Word bank: Canada · United States of America · Mexico · Arctic · Rocky Mountains · Atlantic Ocean · Pacific Ocean · Equator

1. Name the three largest countries that make up the majority of the North American continent. (3 marks)

2. Look at a map of the world. Which two oceans border the east and west coasts of North America? (2 marks)

3. Finn the Dolphin is swimming in the north of the continent near the Arctic. Why is the climate here much colder than in the southern parts of Mexico? (2 marks)

4. If a traveller wanted to visit the 'Rocky Mountains', in which continent would they be searching? (1 mark)

5. Explain one way in which the landscape of North America is different from the landscape of the United Kingdom. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of North America. Label the three main countries and draw one famous physical feature (such as a mountain range or a river) somewhere on the map.



Extension challenge: Research a major city in North America, such as Toronto, Washington D.C., or Mexico City. Write three facts about its climate and one famous landmark found there.