

Exploring the Regions of the United Kingdom

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key geographical regions of the United Kingdom, including their major cities, landscapes, and unique characteristics.

Use your geographical knowledge and map-reading skills to answer the following questions about the regions of the UK. Write your answers in full sentences.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the waters around the British Isles, while Max the monkey has been busy calculating the distances between our major cities. Together, they have explored the diverse regions that make up the United Kingdom, from the rugged mountains in the north to the bustling urban centres in the south.

Word bank: Highlands · Lowlands · Pennines · Capital city · Coastal · Topography · Climate · Industry

1. Name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and identify the capital city of each. (4 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the typical landscape of the Scottish Highlands with the landscape found in the South East of England. Why do you think the human activity in these two areas might be different? (4 marks)

3. Explain why the Pennines are often referred to as the 'backbone of England'. Mention their position in the geography of the country. (2 marks)

4. Max the monkey is planning a trip from Cardiff to Belfast. Which body of water will he need to cross, and which mode of transport would be most practical? (2 marks)

5. Justify why many large cities in the UK were historically built near rivers or the coast. What impact did this have on trade? (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the economy of a coastal town if its main industry, such as fishing or tourism, were to suddenly stop? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled map of the United Kingdom. Include the four capital cities, the Pennines, and one major river of your choice. Add a small drawing of Finn the dolphin near the coast to show where he has been exploring.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a travel agent. Create a short 'Region Profile' for a part of the UK you have not visited. Include information about the local climate, one famous landmark, and a reason why a tourist should visit that specific region. Use persuasive language to encourage people to explore the UK!