

Exploring the Regions of the United Kingdom

Learning objective: To identify and understand the diverse characteristics of the regions of the United Kingdom.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences. Use your knowledge of UK geography to help you.

Finn the dolphin loves to swim along the diverse coastline of the United Kingdom. The UK is divided into different regions, each with its own unique character. In the south-east of England, the landscape is often busy and urban, home to the capital city. In contrast, the regions of Scotland and Wales are famous for their dramatic, mountainous topography and rugged hills, which offer spectacular views for hikers. The Midlands are known for being at the heart of the country, historically playing a huge part in the industrial growth of the nation. Meanwhile, the South West is well-known for its beautiful, rolling countryside and popular seaside towns that attract many visitors during the summer months. Northern Ireland features rolling green landscapes and the iconic Giant's Causeway, a site of great geological interest. Whether it is the bustling city streets or the quiet, remote valleys of the north, every region contributes to the rich tapestry of the United Kingdom. Finn enjoys mapping these areas, noting how the weather, the land, and the way people live change as he travels from one region to the next.

Word bank: landscape · region · urban · rural · coastline · topography · population

1. According to the text, which two regions are described as having mountainous topography? (2 marks)

2. What is the main feature of the South West mentioned by the author? (2 marks)

3. Why might the author describe the Midlands as being at the 'heart' of the country? (2 marks)

4. What evidence is there in the text that the UK has a varied landscape? (2 marks)

5. If you were planning a trip to a UK region, which would you choose and why? Justify your choice using information from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the United Kingdom and label at least four different regions. Add a small illustration in each region that represents a feature mentioned in the text, such as a mountain or a city building.



Extension challenge: Research one region of the UK in more detail. Write three interesting facts about its climate or local landmarks that were not mentioned in the passage.