

Exploring the Wonders of Africa

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills while learning about the geography, climate, and diversity of the African continent.

Read the text carefully about Finn the dolphin's travels around Africa and answer the questions below using full sentences.

Finn the dolphin loves to travel the world's oceans, but his favourite place to explore is the coast of Africa. Africa is a vast continent, second only to Asia in size, and it is home to over fifty different countries. Because the equator runs right through the middle, Africa has a very warm climate. In the north, you will find the Sahara, the largest hot desert in the world, where the sand stretches for miles under the bright sun. Further south, the landscape changes into the lush, grassy savanna, which is famous for being home to many incredible animals. Africa is also home to massive mountain ranges, like the Atlas Mountains, and tropical rainforests near the centre of the continent. It is an incredibly diverse place, not just in its geography, but also in its cultures, languages, and traditions. Whether it is the busy cities or the quiet, wild plains, there is always something new for Finn to learn when he maps out the African coastline. Every part of this continent tells a unique story.

Word bank: continent · Sahara · equator · savanna · diverse · climate

1. Which large desert is located in the north of Africa? (2 marks)

2. Why does Africa have a generally warm climate? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author describe Africa as 'diverse'? (2 marks)

4. What might Finn the dolphin see if he travelled from the desert to the savanna? (2 marks)

5. Which part of Africa's geography would you most like to visit and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Africa and include a picture of the Sahara Desert in the north and a savanna with animals in the south.



Extension challenge: Research one African country. Write three interesting facts about it, including its capital city and one famous landmark.