

Exploring the Wonders of Africa with Finn

Learning objective: To develop geographical understanding of the African continent's diverse climates, landscapes, and human geography.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Think deeply about the geographical features mentioned.

Finn the dolphin has travelled far beyond his ocean home to explore the magnificent continent of Africa. Africa is the second-largest continent on Earth and is home to an incredible variety of environments. In the north, Finn observed the vast, arid expanse of the Sahara, the world's largest hot desert, where temperatures soar during the day. As he travelled towards the equator, the landscape shifted into lush, tropical rainforests filled with moisture and dense greenery. Further out, the golden savannah grasslands stretch for miles, providing a vital habitat for many unique animals. Africa is not just about nature; it is a bustling hub of human geography. With fifty-four diverse countries, it features vibrant cities, ancient historical landmarks like the pyramids, and bustling markets where traders sell goods in local currencies. From the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro to the winding path of the Nile River, Africa is a tapestry of geographical wonders. Finn loves how each region offers a different climate, proving that this vast land is truly a continent of contrasts, where tradition and modern life thrive side-by-side.

Word bank: continent · Sahara · equatorial · savannah · diverse · landscape

1. Name two different types of landscapes that Finn observed during his journey across Africa. (2 marks)

2. How many countries are located on the African continent according to the text? (1 mark)

3. Explain why the author describes Africa as a 'continent of contrasts'. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

4. What might happen to the wildlife living on the savannah if the climate changed to become a dense rainforest? Justify your thinking. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the Sahara Desert with the tropical rainforests mentioned in the text. Which environment do you think would be more challenging for humans to live in and why? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Africa that includes labels for the Sahara Desert in the north, the tropical rainforests near the centre, and the Nile River.



Extension challenge: Research a specific African country. Create a travel brochure entry that includes the capital city, one major landmark, and the currency used. Imagine you are a tour guide; write a persuasive paragraph explaining why a visitor should choose this country for their next holiday.