

Exploring the Wonders of Asia with Finn

Learning objective: To describe the key geographical features, diverse climates, and human characteristics of the continent of Asia.

Use this writing frame to structure your report on Asia. Think about the physical geography, such as the mountain ranges and rivers, and the human geography, such as the major cities and cultures. Use the word bank to help you write in a formal, informative tone.

Asia is the largest and most populous continent on Earth, boasting a remarkable variety of landscapes and cultures that span from the icy Arctic north to the tropical islands of the south.

Word bank: Furthermore · In contrast · Conversely · Diverse · Topography · Significantly · Consequently · Arid · Temperate · Lush · Inhabited

1. Physical Geography: Describe the primary physical features of Asia. Start by saying: Asia's landscape is incredibly diverse, featuring... (3 marks)

2. Climate Zones: Explain how the climate changes across the continent. Start by saying: Due to its immense size, Asia experiences a vast array of climates, including... (3 marks)

3. Human Geography: Compare and contrast life in a bustling Asian megacity with life in a rural village. Start by saying: The human geography of Asia is as varied as its land; for example... (3 marks)

4. Explain why Asia's size makes it difficult for geographers to describe it with a single climate or landscape. (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Which geographical feature in Asia do you believe has the greatest impact on the people living there, and why? (4 marks)

6. What might happen if the major river systems in Asia were affected by changes in weather patterns? Consider the impact on agriculture and settlements. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer travelling across Asia. Write a journal entry describing a journey from a high mountain range down to a coastal region, noting how the plants, animals, and human activities change as you descend.