

Exploring Our Wonderful World with Finn

Learning objective: To identify and describe the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Use your geography skills to explain your reasoning.

Finn the dolphin loves to travel across the globe, mapping the vast blue waters and the solid landmasses we call continents. There are seven major continents on Earth: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America. Each one is unique, ranging from the icy, uninhabited plains of Antarctica to the bustling, diverse cities found across Asia and Europe. Finn spends most of his time navigating the five great oceans: the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Arctic. These interconnected bodies of salt water cover over seventy per cent of our planet's surface. While Finn glides through the currents of the deep Pacific, he often thinks about how the continents act as giant islands separated by these immense oceans. Geography helps us understand how these landmasses and waters shape the climate and lives of every creature on Earth. Whether it is the tropical warmth near the equator or the freezing temperatures at the poles, Finn's map shows that our world is a complex, connected puzzle waiting to be explored.

Word bank: continent · ocean · hemisphere · equator · vast · geography

1. Name three of the seven continents mentioned in the passage. (1 mark)

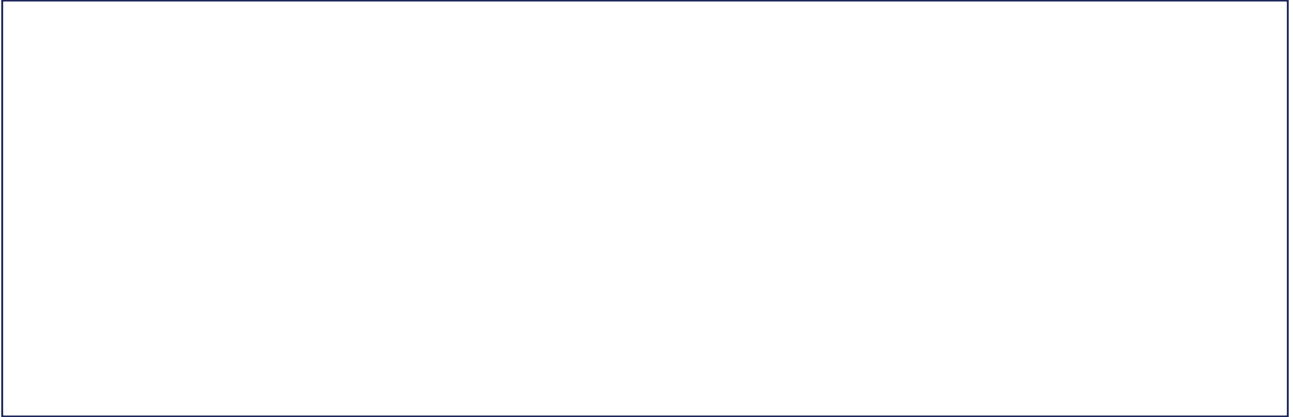
2. According to the text, what percentage of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans? (1 mark)

3. Why might Finn consider Antarctica to be very different from the other continents? (2 marks)

4. Explain why the author describes the world as a 'complex, connected puzzle'. (2 marks)

5. If you could travel to any continent, which one would you choose and why? Justify your answer using your knowledge of geography. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the world. Label the seven continents and five oceans, and add a small sketch of Finn the dolphin swimming in the Pacific Ocean.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast two different continents. How does their location relative to the equator affect their climate? Write a short paragraph explaining your findings.