

Exploring Our World: Continents and Oceans

Learning objective: To identify, name, and describe the world's seven continents and five oceans, whilst evaluating their geographical significance.

Use this writing frame to create a comprehensive guide to our planet. Use the word bank to help connect your ideas and ensure you provide detailed explanations for your 'Greater Depth' answers.

Our planet Earth is a magnificent, complex sphere, home to vast landmasses known as continents and immense bodies of salt water called oceans.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in contrast · spanning across · geographically · significant · diverse · boundary · predominantly · nevertheless

1. Introduction: Define what a continent is and name the seven. Start with: 'A continent is a vast, continuous expanse of land, and the seven major landmasses are...' (2 marks)

2. Ocean Exploration: Explain the role of the five oceans. Start with: 'The five oceans, which include..., play a vital role in regulating our climate because...' (3 marks)

3. Comparative Analysis: Compare the size and climate of two different continents. Start with: 'When comparing [Continent A] and [Continent B], it is evident that...' (3 marks)

4. Geographical Justification: Explain why it is important for geographers to understand ocean currents. Start with: 'Understanding ocean currents is essential because...' (4 marks)

5. Hypothetical Scenario: What might happen to global weather patterns if a major ocean were to disappear? Start with: 'If a major ocean were to vanish, the global climate would be drastically altered because...' (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise the connection between human life and the natural world. Start with: 'Ultimately, our reliance on the diverse ecosystems of our continents and oceans highlights that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Finn the dolphin. Write a short journal entry describing a journey from the Southern Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Describe the changes in water temperature, sea life, and the landmarks you might pass along the way.