

Exploring the Continent of Europe: Geography Assessment

Learning objective: To assess understanding of European geography, including countries, capital cities, physical features, and climate zones.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure your spelling is accurate and include relevant vocabulary where appropriate.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the waters surrounding Europe. He notes that Europe is a diverse continent, bordered by the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the west, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. From the snowy peaks of the Alps to the dry, warm plains of the south, Europe's physical geography shapes the lives of the people who live there.

Word bank: Mediterranean · Tundra · Landlocked · Latitude · Mountain range · Continent · Borders · Climate

1. Identify two major mountain ranges found in Europe and explain why these physical features are significant to the surrounding regions. (2 marks)

2. Define the term 'landlocked' and name one European country that fits this description. Why might being landlocked affect a country's trade? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the climate of a country in Southern Europe (like Italy) with a country in Northern Europe (like Norway). Use the word 'latitude' in your response. (4 marks)

4. List three European capital cities and their corresponding countries. (3 marks)

5. Max the monkey wants to visit a market in a European city. He has £50.00. If a souvenir costs £12.50 and a local lunch costs £8.75, calculate the total cost and how much change he will have remaining. (3 marks)

6. Explain why the Mediterranean Sea is considered a vital 'highway' for trade and culture in European history. (5 marks)

7. What might happen to the local wildlife and human activity if a major European river, such as the Danube, were to dry up? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Europe. Label the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and one major mountain range of your choice.



Extension challenge: Justify your answer: If you were tasked with creating a new city in Europe, which physical features would you look for to ensure the city thrives? Consider water sources, climate, and terrain. Total: /25