

Finn's European Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the key geographical features, countries, and climates of Europe.

Welcome, explorer! Join Finn the dolphin as you map out your knowledge of Europe. Use your atlases, classroom resources, or research notes to fill in this fact-file. Be precise with your geographical vocabulary and think carefully about how different European landscapes compare to one another.

Word bank: continent · climate · latitude · capital city · mountain range · coastline · landlocked · peninsula · topography · human geography · physical geography

1. Choose one European country. State its capital city and describe its primary physical geographical features (e.g., rivers, mountains, or coastlines). (3 marks)

2. Explain why the climate in Southern Europe often differs from the climate in Northern Europe. Consider the impact of latitude. (4 marks)

3. Compare and contrast two European countries. How do their human geographical features, such as major industries or population centres, differ? (5 marks)

4. Identify one major European mountain range. Justify why mountain ranges are important to the physical geography of the continent. (3 marks)

5. What might happen to the economy of a landlocked country if it did not have access to major international trade routes or nearby ports? (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are planning a journey across Europe. Which three countries would you visit and why? Think about the diversity of landscapes you want to experience. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific European environmental issue (such as rising sea levels or deforestation). Write a persuasive paragraph explaining how European countries could work together to solve this problem, using your deeper understanding of the continent's interconnected geography.