

Exploring Magnificent Mountains: A Writing Frame

Learning objective: To write a descriptive report about a mountain range using geographical vocabulary and clear structure.

Use this scaffold to organise your report. Remember to use formal, informative language to explain the features of your chosen mountain range.

Rising high above the clouds, mountain ranges are some of the most dramatic and impressive landscapes on our planet.

Word bank: summit · peak · altitude · steep · range · climatological · furthermore · consequently · in addition · rugged · snow-capped · elevation

1. Introduction: What is the name of your mountain range and where in the world is it located? Start by saying: The [name of range] is a spectacular mountain range found in... (2 marks)

2. Physical Features: Describe what the mountains look like. Use these starters: The peaks are famously... The slopes are covered in... (3 marks)

3. Climate and Weather: What is the weather like at high altitudes? Start by saying: Because of the high altitude, the climate is often... (2 marks)

4. Living Things: What plants or animals live here? Start by saying: Despite the harsh conditions, creatures such as... have adapted to life by... (2 marks)

5. Human Activity: How do people use these mountains? Start by saying: Many people visit the region to... while others live in small communities where they... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Finn the dolphin is curious about how mountains form. Research and write a short paragraph explaining the difference between a fold mountain and a volcanic mountain.