

Finn's North American Expedition: Sorting the Continent

Learning objective: To identify and categorise key physical and human geographical features of North America.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the waters and lands of North America. He has collected a list of facts, but he has mixed them up! Look at the word bank below and sort each item into the correct category: 'Physical Geography' (natural features) or 'Human Geography' (things created by people). Write the items in the correct columns provided in the questions section.

Word bank: Rocky Mountains · The Mississippi River · Statue of Liberty · Great Lakes · CN Tower · Grand Canyon · Golden Gate Bridge · Niagara Falls

1. Create two columns labelled 'Physical Geography' and 'Human Geography'. Sort all eight items from the word bank into these columns. Explain why one of your chosen 'Human Geography' items is important to the people who live there. (6 marks)

2. If you were travelling from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes, which compass direction would you generally be heading? (Hint: Think about the map of North America). (1 mark)

3. Finn wants to buy a souvenir map of North America that costs £4.50. If he pays with a £5 note, how much change should he receive? (1 mark)

4. Why are the Great Lakes considered an important physical feature for trade and transport in North America? (2 marks)

5. Name one country found in North America that is not the United States. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a famous North American landmark from the word bank and label its location on a rough outline of the continent.



Extension challenge: Research one climate zone found in North America (e.g., Arctic, Tropical, or Desert) and write a short paragraph explaining what type of clothing a traveller would need to pack for that region.