

Finn's Great British Expedition: Mapping the Regions

Learning objective: To identify and describe the geographical regions of the United Kingdom and understand the human and physical characteristics that define them.

Finn the dolphin has been busy mapping the coastline of the UK. He has gathered a list of facts, but he has mixed up which region they belong to. Your task is to sort these items into their correct regions: The North, The Midlands, The South, and The Nations (Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland). Use the word bank to help you complete the classification and solve the reasoning puzzles.

Word bank: The Lake District · Snowdonia National Park · The Peak District · The White Cliffs of Dover · The Scottish Highlands · The Giants Causeway · Birmingham · The Pennines

1. Sort the items from the word bank into the correct region of the UK. Justify why the Lake District belongs in 'The North'. (4 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the physical geography of the Scottish Highlands with the geography of the South of England. Why might these regions have different climates? (3 marks)

3. Explain why the Midlands is often referred to as the 'heart' of the UK in terms of its central location and transport links. (2 marks)

4. If you were planning a holiday to visit a National Park in Wales, which one would you choose from the list and why? (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Does a region's proximity to the coast change the way people live and work there? Give an example. (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the tourism industry in the North of England if the Pennines were to be reclassified as a lowland area instead of a mountainous one? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the United Kingdom. Label the four main regions (The North, The Midlands, The South, and The Nations). Within each region, draw one physical feature (like a mountain or cliff) and one human feature (like a city or bridge) that you have learned about.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a travel writer for Finn's travel journal. Write a persuasive paragraph describing a 'hidden gem' in one of the UK regions. You must use at least three pieces of geographical vocabulary, such as 'topography', 'coastal', 'urban', or 'climate'.