

Exploring the Diverse Landscapes of Africa: A Geographical Report

Learning objective: To describe and compare the physical and human geographical features of the African continent.

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Remember to use formal, descriptive language and ensure your explanations are supported by geographical evidence. Read the questions carefully before writing your responses.

Africa is a vast and magnificent continent, home to a remarkable variety of climates, landscapes, and cultures that stretch across both the northern and southern hemispheres.

Word bank: furthermore · in contrast · consequently · diverse · terrain · climate · indigenous · significantly · notably · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Define the location of Africa using geographical terms (such as the Equator or hemispheres) and identify its neighbouring oceans. Start with: Situated between... (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Describe one major physical feature, such as the Sahara Desert or the Congo Rainforest. Explain why the climate in this region is unique. Start with: One prominent physical feature is... (3 marks)

3. Human Geography: Compare the lifestyle of people living in a bustling city, such as Cairo or Lagos, to those living in a rural village. Start with: There is a significant difference between... (3 marks)

4. Environmental Challenges: Justify why some regions in Africa face challenges with water scarcity or deforestation. Start with: Many regions face environmental difficulties because... (3 marks)

5. Comparison: Compare and contrast the landscape of a savannah with that of a coastal region. Start with: While the savannah is characterised by..., the coastal regions are... (3 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise your findings. What might happen to these landscapes in the future if global temperatures continue to change? Start with: In conclusion, Africa is... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer travelling across the continent with Finn the dolphin and his friends. Write a diary entry describing a journey from the Mediterranean coast to the Cape of Good Hope. Explain how the landscape changes as you travel south, using at least four pieces of geographical vocabulary from your word bank. Justify why the wildlife would be different in these two locations.