

Exploring the Continent of Africa with Finn

Learning objective: To identify the geographical features, climate zones, and major landmarks of the African continent.

Read each question carefully and use your geography skills to provide detailed answers. Remember to use your atlas or geographical knowledge to support your responses.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world's oceans and coastlines. Now, he is curious about the vast landmass of Africa! From the golden dunes of the north to the lush rainforests near the centre, Africa is a continent of incredible diversity. Think about what you know regarding its physical geography, major rivers, and climate zones to answer the questions below.

Word bank: Equator · Sahara · Savanna · Nile · Hemisphere · Climate · Continent · Atlas

1. Africa is often called a continent of extremes. Identify which major line of latitude runs through the centre of Africa and explain how this affects the climate of the surrounding countries. (2 marks)

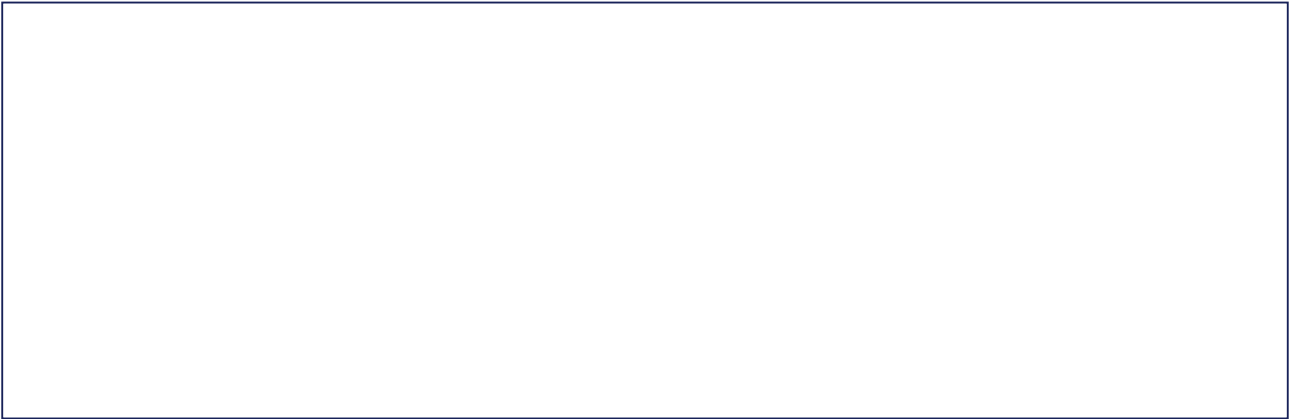
2. The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in the world. Describe two physical features you might find in a desert landscape. (2 marks)

3. The Nile is one of the longest rivers in the world. In which direction does the Nile flow, and why has this river been historically important for human settlement? (3 marks)

4. Explain the difference between a savanna and a tropical rainforest. Use the word 'precipitation' in your answer. (3 marks)

5. If you were planning an expedition from Cairo to Cape Town, would you be travelling north to south or south to north? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Africa and label the Sahara Desert in the north, the Equator line in the middle, and the location of a major river like the Nile.



Extension challenge: Research one African country. Create a travel brochure entry that includes its capital city, one major landmark, and the currency used there (if it uses the Pound Sterling as a reference for value, or mention its local currency).