

Finn's Geography Fieldwork: Comparing Landscapes

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare human and physical geographical features in two different locations.

Finn the dolphin has been exploring the world! Use this template to conduct your own geographical study. Choose two contrasting locations—such as your local town and a remote national park—and investigate how humans have changed the landscape compared to the natural, physical features.

Word bank: settlement · topography · infrastructure · vegetation · land use · climate · man-made · natural · terrain · sustainability

1. Location A (Physical): Describe the natural physical features of your first location. Consider the terrain, water sources, and climate. (3 marks)

2. Location A (Human): Identify the human features in this area, such as roads, buildings, or bridges. Why were these structures built here? (3 marks)

3. Location B (Physical): Describe the natural physical features of your second location and explain how they differ from Location A. (3 marks)

4. Location B (Human): Explain the purpose of the human features found in this location. How does this compare to the land use in Location A? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Which location do you think has been more significantly altered by human activity? Provide evidence to support your choice. (4 marks)

6. What might happen if humans were to build a large new settlement in the middle of a protected natural landscape? Explain the potential impact. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a town planner. Choose one of the locations you studied and sketch a proposal for a new, sustainable building. Write a short paragraph justifying where you would place it to minimise the impact on the existing physical geography.