

Grade 3 Geography Assessment: Exploring the Continent of Asia

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of Asian geography, including physical features, climate zones, and human geography.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of geography to provide detailed answers. Ensure you use full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world's oceans and coastlines. He has travelled across the vast continent of Asia, which is the largest and most populous continent on Earth. From the frozen northern regions to the tropical rainforests near the equator, Asia is a land of incredible variety. It contains the world's tallest mountain range and the deepest inland sea. Finn wants to see how much you know about this diverse part of our world.

Word bank: Himalayas · Continent · Equator · Climate · Tundra · Archipelago · Population · Landlocked

1. Identify one major mountain range located in Asia and explain why it is significant to the continent's geography. (2 marks)

2. Asia is the largest continent in the world. List two different climate zones found within Asia and describe one characteristic of each. (4 marks)

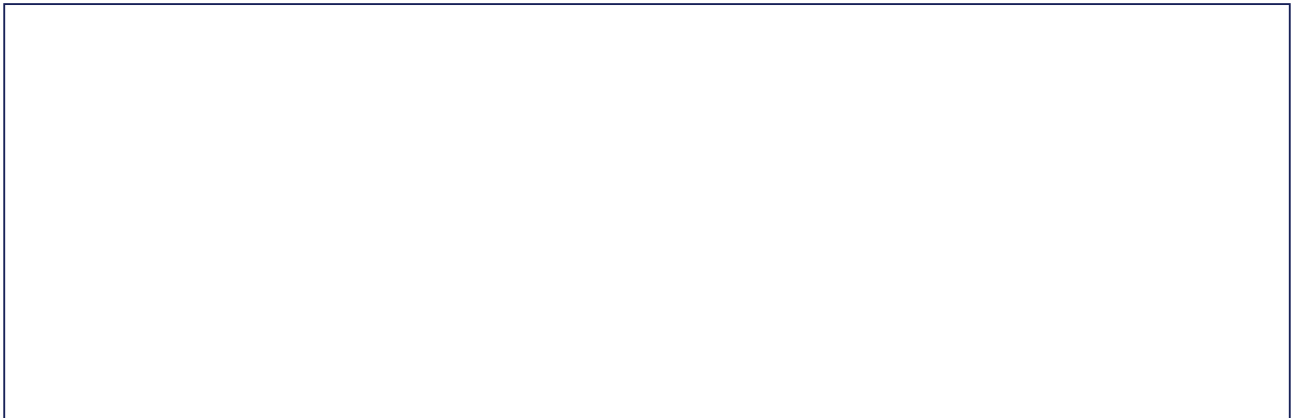
3. Explain the difference between a landlocked country and an archipelago. Give one example of each from the Asian continent. (4 marks)

4. If a traveller were moving from the northern part of Asia towards the south, how might the landscape and the weather change? Use geographical vocabulary in your answer. (4 marks)

5. Many people live in Asian cities. Why might a large population choose to settle near major rivers or coastal areas? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

6. Extended Writing: Imagine you are an explorer traveling across Asia. Write a short journal entry describing the physical and human features you might see. Mention at least three specific geographical features and explain how they impact the lives of the people living there. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the continent of Asia. Label the Himalayas, one major ocean that borders the continent, and one large river.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: What might happen to the local ecosystem if the climate in the northern Tundra region became significantly warmer? Compare the potential impacts on human settlements versus local wildlife. Justify your reasoning using geographical evidence. Total: /25