

Exploring the Wonders of Asia with Finn

Learning objective: To develop locational knowledge of Asia and understand its diverse physical and human geography.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences.

Finn the dolphin loves to travel, and he has just finished mapping the vast continent of Asia. Asia is the largest continent on Earth, stretching from the frozen Arctic in the north to the tropical islands in the south. Because it is so enormous, the climate changes wildly. You can find dry, sandy deserts, thick, green rainforests, and the world's tallest mountain range, the Himalayas, all within the same continent. Asia is home to more people than any other continent, with bustling cities full of modern skyscrapers and quiet villages tucked away in the countryside. Finn was particularly amazed by the many archipelagos, which are groups of islands surrounded by sparkling blue water. Whether it is the chilly winds of the north or the humid heat of the southern jungles, Asia offers a unique landscape for everyone. From the ancient tea plantations to the busy markets where traders sell spices for a few pounds, the continent is a place of incredible variety and beauty. Finn says that exploring Asia is like reading a giant, colorful storybook where every page reveals a new wonder.

Word bank: continent · Himalayas · diverse · landscape · archipelago · climate

1. According to the text, what is the name of the tallest mountain range found in Asia? (1 mark)

2. What does the text say an 'archipelago' is? (1 mark)

3. Why might people living in the north of Asia need different clothing compared to people living in the south? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'Asia is like reading a giant, colorful storybook' suggest about the continent? (2 marks)

5. If you could visit any part of Asia described in the text, which would you choose and why? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Asia or a landscape scene that shows the variety of the continent, including one mountain, one forest area, and one island.



Extension challenge: Research one country in Asia. Find out its capital city and one famous landmark, and write three interesting facts about it.