

Exploring Global Climates with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To describe and explain the differences between various climate zones across the world.

Use this writing scaffold to help you structure a report about a chosen climate zone. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow and ensure you provide specific examples of weather patterns and how they affect life in that region.

As Finn the Dolphin swims across the globe, he notices that the Earth is divided into distinct climate zones, each with its own unique weather patterns and landscapes.

Word bank: consequently · in contrast to · furthermore · humid · temperate · polar · arid · precipitated by · significant · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Name your chosen climate zone and describe its general location on Earth. Start by saying: 'The climate zone I have chosen to investigate is the... which is located near...' (2 marks)

2. Temperature and Rainfall: Describe the typical weather throughout the year. Start by saying: 'In this region, the temperature usually remains... because...' (3 marks)

3. Adaptation: How have plants or animals adapted to live in this climate? Start by saying: 'To survive in such conditions, the local wildlife has developed...' (3 marks)

4. Human Impact: How do the people living there adapt their homes or clothing? Start by saying: 'Human communities in this climate have adapted by...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why this climate is important to the planet. Start by saying: 'In conclusion, this climate zone is vital because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a second climate zone and write a short paragraph comparing it to your first choice, using the phrase 'In contrast' to highlight the differences in temperature and rainfall.