

Exploring Our World: Continents and Oceans

Learning objective: To identify and describe the location of the world's seven continents and five oceans using geographical vocabulary.

Use the writing scaffold below to help Finn the dolphin map out the world. Think about the location, climate, and key features of the regions you choose to describe.

As Finn the dolphin glides across the globe, he discovers that our planet is a magnificent puzzle made up of seven distinct landmasses and five vast oceans.

Word bank: furthermore · located in the... · bordering the... · consequently · vast expanse · spanning across · in contrast to · situated between · predominantly · significant

1. Introduction: Name two continents and describe their general location on the globe. Start by saying: 'The world is divided into seven continents; for example, ...' (2 marks)

2. Ocean Exploration: Identify three of the world's oceans and explain which continents they border. Start by saying: 'Surrounding these landmasses are five major oceans, such as the ... which is situated between ...' (3 marks)

3. Comparing Climates: Describe how the location of a continent might affect its climate. Start by saying: 'Continents located near the Equator, like ..., often have a different climate compared to those near the poles, because ...' (3 marks)

4. Geographical Features: Choose one continent and mention one major human or physical feature found there. Start by saying: 'One interesting feature found in ... is ...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why it is important for geographers like Finn to understand the layout of our oceans and continents. Start by saying: 'Understanding the position of these oceans and continents is essential because ...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a continent you have never visited. Write three 'Did you know?' facts about its physical geography to share with your class.