

Exploring Our Continent: Europe

Learning objective: To identify the location of Europe and understand key geographical features, countries, and capital cities within the continent.

Use your knowledge of geography to answer the following questions about Europe. You may use an atlas or a globe to help you find the answers.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming all around the coast of Europe! He has visited the icy northern seas, the busy ports of the west, and the warm, sunny beaches of the south. Europe is a fascinating continent with many different countries, mountains, and rivers to discover. Use your geographical skills to solve these challenges with Finn.

Word bank: continent · Mediterranean · Alps · capital city · latitude · hemisphere · physical feature · border

1. Name three European countries and their capital cities. Why is a capital city important to a country? (3 marks)

2. Look at a map of Europe. Name one major mountain range and one major sea that borders the continent. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey wants to travel from London to Paris. If his train ticket costs £45.50 and he pays with a £50 note, how much change should he receive? (2 marks)

4. Explain the difference between a physical feature (like a mountain) and a human feature (like a city) found in Europe. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think Europe is divided into many different countries rather than being one single country? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Europe. Label the United Kingdom, one country in Northern Europe, and one country in Southern Europe. Draw a small symbol to represent a famous landmark in one of those countries.



Extension challenge: Research a European country of your choice. Find out what language they speak, what their currency is, and one interesting fact about their climate or landscape. Write a short paragraph for Finn the dolphin to read.