

Exploring North America: Grade 3 Geography Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the physical and human geography of the North American continent.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of countries, landscapes, and climates to answer. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world's oceans and coastlines. He has just finished traveling around the vast continent of North America. He visited icy northern regions, large mountain ranges, and warm southern deserts. Now, Finn wants to see what you have learned about this amazing part of the world.

Word bank: Canada · USA · Mexico · Rocky Mountains · Mississippi · Arctic · Tropical · Continent

1. Name the three largest countries that make up the majority of North America. (3 marks)

2. North America has many different climates. Explain one reason why the climate in the far north of Canada is different from the climate in southern Mexico. (2 marks)

3. Identify one major mountain range found in North America and one major river system. (2 marks)

4. If a tourist wanted to buy a souvenir in Mexico for £15.00, and they had a £20.00 note, how much change would they receive? (2 marks)

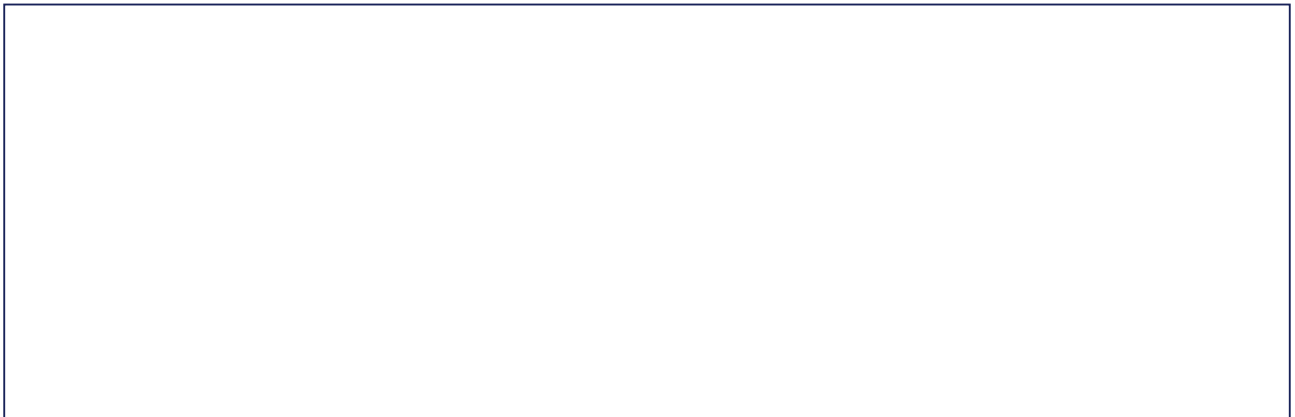
5. Describe two human features (things built by people) that you might find in a large North American city. (2 marks)

6. Compare a physical feature of North America (such as a desert or a mountain range) to a physical feature found in the United Kingdom. How are they similar or different? (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are an explorer traveling across North America from the East Coast to the West Coast. Write a short diary entry describing the different landscapes you see along the way, including at least three geographical terms. (5 marks)

8. Which ocean lies to the west of North America, and which ocean lies to the east? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of North America and label the three largest countries. Include a simple compass rose showing North, South, East, and West.



Extension challenge: Total: /25