

Exploring North America with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify the key geographical features, countries, and climate zones of North America.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of North America. Finn the Dolphin has been mapping the coastlines and wants to see if you can match his geographical expertise!

Which three large countries make up the majority of the North American landmass?

Canada, the United States of America, and Mexico.

What is the name of the massive mountain range that stretches from Canada down into the United States?

The Rocky Mountains.

Finn is swimming north. Which ocean lies to the east of North America?

The Atlantic Ocean.

What is the name of the frozen, treeless biome found in the most northern parts of North America?

The Tundra.

How is the United States divided for political organisation, similar to how Canada is divided into provinces?

Into states.

What is the name of the river that flows through the United States and is one of the longest in the world?

The Mississippi River.

Explain why the climate in Mexico is generally warmer than the climate in Northern Canada.

Mexico is closer to the Equator, where the sun's rays are more direct, whereas Northern Canada is closer to the North Pole.

Compare and contrast the physical geography of the Caribbean Islands with the northern parts of Canada.

The Caribbean has a tropical climate with sandy beaches and warm seas, while Northern Canada has a polar or sub-polar climate with ice and cold temperatures.

Justify your answer: Why is North America considered a continent rather than just a country?

It is a large, continuous landmass that contains many different countries, cultures, and diverse geographical features, rather than being a single political state.

What might happen to the animals living in the Arctic regions of North America if global temperatures continue to rise?

Their habitat might shrink, food sources could become scarce, and they would have to adapt quickly or migrate to survive.

If you were to travel from the west coast of North America to the east coast, which ocean would you start at and which would you finish at?

Start at the Pacific Ocean and finish at the Atlantic Ocean.

Identify one way in which human geography (how people live) might differ between a busy city like New York and a remote village in the Arctic.

New York has high population density, skyscrapers, and public transport, while remote Arctic villages have lower population density and homes built to withstand extreme cold.