

Mountain Explorers: A Geographical Report

Learning objective: To write a non-chronological report about a mountain range using geographical vocabulary and formal structures.

Use this writing frame to help Finn the dolphin map out your report. Each section should focus on a different aspect of mountain life, from the physical features to the climate.

Mountains are magnificent landforms that rise high above the surrounding landscape, often reaching towards the clouds.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition to · altitude · summit · glacier · range · topography · harsh conditions · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Define what a mountain is and name the range you have chosen. Start with: Mountains are defined by their steep slopes and high peaks; one of the most famous ranges is... (2 marks)

2. Physical Features: Describe how the mountains were formed or what they look like. Start with: These impressive landforms were created by... (3 marks)

3. Climate and Weather: Explain how the temperature changes at higher altitudes. Start with: As you ascend to higher altitudes, the climate becomes... (3 marks)

4. Flora and Fauna: Describe the plants and animals that live there. Start with: Despite the challenging environment, many species have adapted to survive here, such as... (3 marks)

5. Human Impact: Discuss how people use or visit these mountains. Start with: Humans have interacted with these mountains for centuries by... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific mountain, such as Ben Nevis or Mount Everest. Add a 'Did You Know?' box to your report containing one fascinating fact about your chosen mountain's height or history.