

Year 5 Geography Assessment: Exploring North America

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the physical and human geography of North America.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Use the provided word bank if you need help with spelling.

Finn the dolphin has travelled far across the Atlantic Ocean to explore the coastlines of North America. From the icy Arctic regions in the north to the tropical forests in the south, this vast continent is home to diverse landscapes, ranging from towering mountain ranges like the Rockies to deep, carved canyons. Finn is particularly interested in how the climate changes depending on the distance from the equator.

Word bank: continent · equator · tundra · climate · latitude · canyon · urban · population · mountain · precipitation

1. Name two of the three countries that make up the largest part of the North American continent. (2 marks)

2. Explain why the climate in the northern parts of Canada is generally much colder than the climate in Mexico. (3 marks)

3. Identify one major mountain range found in North America and describe one physical feature of the landscape there. (3 marks)

4. What is the difference between an urban area and a rural area? Give one example of a human feature you might find in an urban area. (4 marks)

5. Finn wants to buy a map of the continent costing £4.50 and a souvenir compass for £3.75. If he pays with a £10 note, how much change should he receive? (3 marks)

6. Extended Writing: Imagine you are travelling across North America from east to west. Describe the variety of physical and human features you might encounter on your journey. Use geographical vocabulary to explain how the landscape changes. (5 marks)

7. Name the ocean that lies to the east of North America and the ocean that lies to the west. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a North American landscape. Include at least two geographical features, such as a river, a mountain, or a forest, and label them clearly.



Extension challenge: Total: /25