

Finn's African Expedition: Mapping the Continent

Learning objective: To identify and locate key physical and human geographical features of Africa, including countries, biomes, and major landmarks.

Finn the dolphin has been busy mapping the world! Use your knowledge of Africa to match the descriptions below to the correct locations or terms. Fill in the blanks using the word bank provided to complete Finn's travel log.

Word bank: Sahara · Nile · Equator · Savanna · Mount Kilimanjaro · Atlas Mountains · Victoria Falls

1. 1. Finn swam north to see the range that stretches across Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. What are these mountains called? (1 mark)

2. 2. This vast, hot desert covers much of North Africa. Name this desert. (1 mark)

3. 3. The longest river in Africa flows north into the Mediterranean Sea. What is the name of this river? (1 mark)

4. 4. This massive, grassy biome is home to many iconic animals like lions and zebras. What is this habitat called? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which imaginary line of latitude passes through the centre of Africa, dividing the northern and southern hemispheres? (1 mark)

6. 6. Explain why the climate in the central part of Africa (near the Equator) is typically hotter and wetter than the climate in the far north. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Africa and label the positions of the Sahara Desert, the Equator, and the Nile River. Add a small illustration of a baobab tree in the Savanna region.



Extension challenge: Research one African country. Find out its capital city, the currency used there, and one famous landmark. Present your findings on a fact file card as if you are sending a postcard back to Finn.