

Finn's European Expedition

Learning objective: To identify and locate key countries and capital cities within Europe and understand their geographical features.

Finn the dolphin is travelling across Europe to map out the continent! Use the word bank to help Finn label his map. Match the correct capital city to the country, then identify if the country is landlocked or has a coastline.

Word bank: France · Paris · Germany · Berlin · Italy · Rome · Spain · Madrid · Poland · Warsaw · Switzerland · Bern

1. Match the capital city to the correct country: France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Switzerland. (6 marks)

2. Finn wants to know which country in the list above is 'landlocked' (has no coastline). Use your geographical knowledge to identify it. (2 marks)

3. If Finn wants to swim from the coast of Spain to the coast of France, which large body of water would he travel through? (2 marks)

4. Explain why Switzerland might have a different climate or landscape compared to a coastal country like Spain. (3 marks)

5. Imagine you are planning a trip to visit three of these capital cities. Which countries would you visit and which compass direction would you travel if you started in Madrid and went to Paris? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple outline map of Europe. Label at least four countries from the word bank and draw a small symbol for each capital city (e.g., a star for Rome or a tower for Paris).



Extension challenge: Research one major physical feature (such as the Alps or the River Danube) that passes through one of the countries listed. Write a short paragraph explaining how this feature affects the people living there.