

Exploring North America with Finn the Dolphin

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

Use your knowledge of North American geography to answer the following questions. Think about the variety of landscapes, from frozen tundras to tropical coastlines.

Word bank: Arctic · Rocky Mountains · Canada · USA · Mexico · Mississippi · Equator · Tundra

1. Finn the Dolphin is mapping the continent. Name the three largest countries in North America that stretch from the far north down to the south. (3 marks)

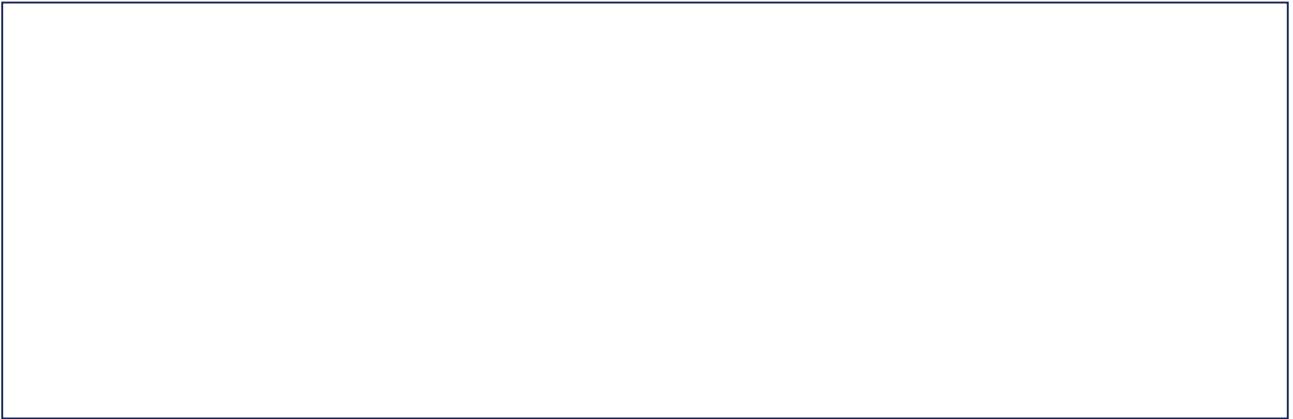
2. The Rocky Mountains are a famous physical feature of North America. In which direction do they run across the continent (North to South or East to West)? (1 mark)

3. Explain why the northern part of Canada has a much colder climate than the southern part of Mexico. Consider their distance from the Equator. (2 marks)

4. If a tourist wants to travel from the east coast of the USA to the west coast, name one major physical feature or river system they might need to cross. (1 mark)

5. North America has a diverse climate. Give one example of a biome found in the northern regions and one example of a biome found in the southern, warmer regions. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of North America. Include a simple sketch of the Rocky Mountains on the west side and label the three main countries: Canada, USA, and Mexico.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a £500 budget trip across North America. Research three different cities in three different countries. List where you would go and why you chose those locations based on their climate or landmarks.