

# Finn's Journey Across Africa

*Learning objective: To understand key geographical features of the continent of Africa.*

Read the text below carefully. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin is taking a break from the ocean to explore Africa. Africa is a massive continent with many different countries. Finn starts his journey in the north. He sees the Sahara, which is the largest hot desert in the world. It is very dry and sandy there. Next, Finn travels to the middle of Africa near the Equator. He notices that the weather is very warm all year round. In the east, Finn finds the River Nile. It is one of the longest rivers on our planet. Many people live near the river because it provides water for their crops. Finally, Finn visits the grassy plains, called savannas, where he sees many animals. Africa has a very special climate. Some parts are dry deserts, while other parts have thick rainforests. Finn loves how big and diverse Africa is. He thinks it is an amazing place to learn about geography. Every country in Africa has its own history and beauty. Finn cannot wait to tell his friends all about his big adventure across the land.

*Word bank: Continent · Sahara · Nile · Equator · Climate*

**1. What is the name of the large, hot desert found in northern Africa? (1 mark)**

**2. Which river does the text say is one of the longest in the world? (1 mark)**

**3. Why do many people choose to live near the River Nile? (2 marks)**

**4. How does the weather change when Finn moves closer to the Equator? (2 marks)**

**5. Finn thinks Africa is an 'amazing' place. Would you like to visit Africa? Explain why. (2 marks)**

**Draw:** Draw a picture of Finn the dolphin exploring a landscape in Africa. Include either the desert, the river, or the grassy savanna.



*Extension challenge: Choose one country in Africa and use an atlas or a globe to find its capital city. Write the name of the country and the capital city in your book.*