

Finn's African Expedition: Geographical Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the diverse physical and human geographical features of the African continent.

Use your atlas, textbooks, or approved research materials to complete this fact-file for Finn the dolphin's latest exploration. Ensure you use specific geographical terminology and provide clear, reasoned justifications for your findings.

Word bank: Equator · Topography · Climate zone · Biome · Urbanisation · Sub-Saharan · Savanna · Tributary · Sustainability

1. Location and Borders: Describe the geographical positioning of Africa. Which oceans and seas border the continent, and how does the Equator influence its climate zones? (3 marks)

2. Physical Features: Identify one major mountain range and one major river system in Africa. Explain why these physical features are vital to the surrounding ecosystems. (4 marks)

3. Climate and Biomes: Compare and contrast the climate of a tropical rainforest region with that of a desert region. Justify why vegetation differs so significantly between these two biomes. (5 marks)

4. Human Geography: Choose one African city. Describe its human features, such as its population, transport links, or landmarks. What might happen to this city if its population continues to grow rapidly? (4 marks)

5. Economic Activity: Africa is rich in natural resources. Give an example of a resource found on the continent and explain how it is traded or used to support local communities. (3 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: Explain why it is inaccurate to describe Africa as having only one type of climate or landscape. Use evidence from your research to support your argument. (6 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning an eco-tourism route across Africa. Create a travel itinerary that visits three different biomes. Write a paragraph justifying your choices, explaining how you would ensure your travel remains environmentally sustainable.