

Finn's Asian Expedition: A Geographic Sort

Learning objective: To identify and categorise key physical and human geographical features of the continent of Asia.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming through the major seas and rivers surrounding Asia, and he has collected a list of fascinating facts. Sort each item from the word bank into the correct category: 'Physical Features' (natural landmarks) or 'Human Features' (man-made structures or society). Then, use the information to answer the deeper thinking questions below.

Word bank: The Himalayas · The Great Wall of China · The Gobi Desert · The Burj Khalifa · The Yangtze River · The Taj Mahal · Mount Everest · The Petronas Towers

1. Choose one physical feature from the list. Explain why this landform might be difficult for people to travel across or build cities near. (2 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the Burj Khalifa and Mount Everest. What do they have in common, and how are they fundamentally different? (2 marks)

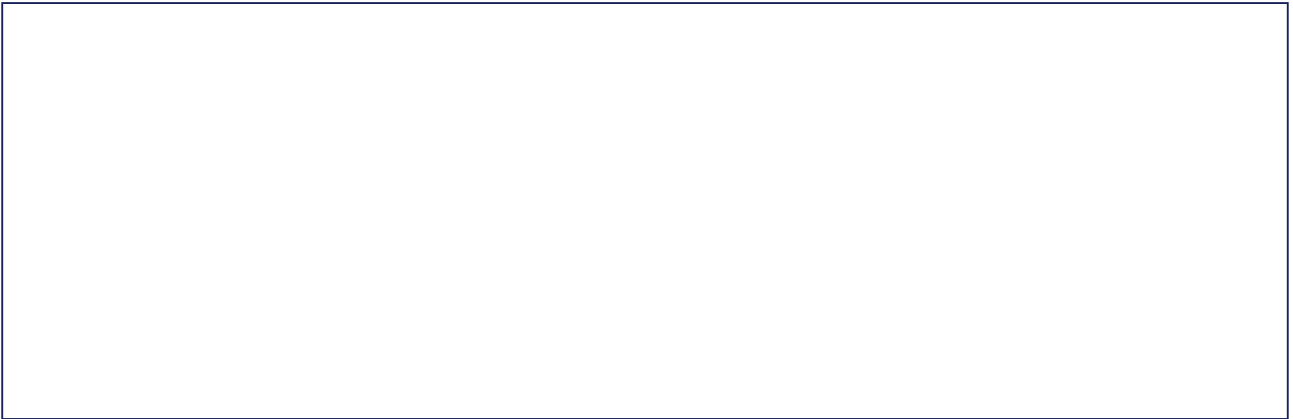
3. Justify your answer: Why is it important for geographers to classify features as either 'physical' or 'human'? (2 marks)

4. What might happen if a major river like the Yangtze were to dry up? Consider both the human and physical impact. (3 marks)

5. If you were planning an expedition across Asia, which two features would you visit to learn the most about the continent's history and geology? Explain your choice. (3 marks)

6. Research extension: Find one additional Asian city. Describe one human feature and one physical feature located near that city. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Asia in the centre of your page. Around the outside, illustrate two physical features and two human features, using labels to explain their significance.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer writing a travel journal entry about visiting a desert in Asia. Describe the sensory experience—what can you see, hear, and feel? Use sophisticated adjectives to bring the landscape to life for your reader.