

Exploring Asia: A Continent of Wonders

Learning objective: To identify key geographical features, countries, and climatic zones within the continent of Asia, and to understand its diverse physical and human characteristics.

Study these flashcards to master your knowledge of Asia. Finn the Dolphin has helped gather these facts during his world travels!

Which is the largest continent on Earth by both land area and population?

Asia.

What is the name of the world's highest mountain range, located in Asia?

The Himalayas.

Define the term 'archipelago' and give an example of one found in Asia.

A group or chain of islands. Examples include Japan, the Philippines, or Indonesia.

What is a 'monsoon' and how does it affect the climate in South Asia?

A seasonal shift in wind direction that brings heavy rainfall, essential for agriculture but sometimes causing flooding.

Explain what it means for a country to be 'landlocked'.

A country that is completely surrounded by land and has no direct access to an ocean or sea.

Compare and contrast the climate of Northern Asia (Siberia) with Southern Asia.

Northern Asia has a cold, tundra climate with long winters, whereas Southern Asia experiences tropical or subtropical climates.

Justify why Asia is described as a continent of 'extreme' geography.

It contains the lowest point on land (the Dead Sea shore) and the highest point (Mount Everest), as well as vast deserts and rainforests.

What might happen to coastal cities in Asia if global sea levels continue to rise?

Increased risk of flooding, loss of habitat, and the need for new coastal defences or migration inland.

Explain why many of Asia's largest cities are located along major rivers.

Historically, rivers provided fertile soil for farming, fresh water, and easy transport routes for trade.

Identify the primary difference between a peninsula and an island.

An island is land completely surrounded by water on all sides; a peninsula is land surrounded by water on three sides.

In terms of 'urbanisation', what is occurring in many Asian countries today?

A rapid shift where more people are moving from rural, farming areas to live and work in large, expanding cities.

Describe the location of the Gobi Desert.

It is a large desert located in Northern China and Southern Mongolia.