

Finn's Grand Asian Expedition Quiz

Learning objective: To identify key geographical features, countries, and climates across the continent of Asia, suitable for Year 5 pupils working at greater depth.

Join Finn the dolphin as he maps the vast continent of Asia! Read each question carefully. For multiple-choice questions, select the correct option. For true/false and short-answer questions, provide your reasoning where required.

Answer Key: 1. C (Mount Everest); 2. True; 3. Tokyo; 4. B (A large group of islands); 5. False (It is the largest continent); 6. True; 7. Gobi; 8. C (They are caused by shifting tectonic plates); 9. A seasonal wind pattern; 10. The Himalayas act as a barrier to cold air, while the southern regions near the Equator experience tropical humidity.

Word bank: Himalayas · Archipelago · Tundra · Monsoon · Continent · Topography · Tectonic · Equator

1. 1. Which of these mountain peaks, located in the Himalayas, is officially the highest point on Earth? A) K2, B) Kangchenjunga, C) Mount Everest*, D) Lhotse (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Asia is the most populous continent in the world. Explain your reasoning. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which bustling city is the capital of Japan? (1 mark)

4. 4. The country of Indonesia is often described as an 'archipelago'. What does this mean? A) A desert region, B) A large group of islands*, C) A mountain range, D) A dense rainforest (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Asia is the smallest continent by land area. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The Gobi Desert is located in northern China and southern Mongolia. (1 mark)

7. 7. Name the famous desert that stretches across parts of China and Mongolia. (1 mark)

8. 8. Why are earthquakes more frequent in countries like Japan? A) Due to high winds, B) Due to volcanic ocean spray, C) Due to shifting tectonic plates*, D) Due to heavy monsoon rains (1 mark)

9. 9. Define the term 'monsoon' in the context of Asian geography. (1 mark)

10. 10. Compare the climate of northern Russia (Siberia) with the climate of Southeast Asia. Justify why they differ so significantly. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of Asia labelling the Himalayan mountain range, the Gobi Desert, and at least three major bodies of water that surround the continent.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer travelling from the northern tundra of Siberia to the tropical rainforests of Indonesia. Write a diary entry describing the changes in vegetation, temperature, and human activity you observe. Justify why these changes occur based on the latitude and physical geography of the regions.