

Exploring the Wonders of Asia: A Geographical Report

Learning objective: To research and describe the diverse physical and human geographical features of the Asian continent.

Use this writing frame to structure your report. Ensure you include specific geographical vocabulary and provide reasons for your observations. Think about how the vast size of Asia creates different climates and lifestyles.

Asia is the largest and most populous continent on Earth, stretching from the frozen Arctic Circle in the north to the tropical islands of the equator in the south.

Word bank: consequently · furthermore · in contrast · topography · archipelago · diverse · predominantly · significant · vast · interconnected

1. Physical Geography: Describe the primary physical features of Asia (such as mountain ranges or deserts) and explain why these landforms influence where people choose to settle. Start your paragraph with: 'The dramatic topography of Asia includes...' (3 marks)

2. Climate Zones: Compare and contrast two different climate zones found within Asia. Use the sentence starter: 'Due to its immense size, Asia experiences a wide variety of climates, ranging from...' (3 marks)

3. Human Geography: Justify why certain regions in Asia have become major economic hubs. Start with: 'Human activity in Asia is incredibly varied; for example, in urban centres like...' (3 marks)

4. Environmental Impact: What might happen if climate change continues to affect the melting of glaciers in the Himalayas? Start with: 'The environmental stability of Asia is currently facing challenges, particularly because...' (4 marks)

5. Cultural Diversity: Explain why Asia is considered one of the most culturally diverse continents. Start with: 'Asia is home to a tapestry of cultures, which is evident through...' (3 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise the main geographical significance of Asia. Start with: 'In conclusion, Asia's unique geographical position makes it a vital part of our global landscape because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Finn the dolphin, having completed a voyage around the coastlines of Asia. Write a persuasive diary entry arguing which region you found the most fascinating based on its geography, justifying your choice with evidence about the land and the local environment.