

Mapping Our World: A Geographical Expedition

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the world's continents and oceans using geographical vocabulary.

Use this writing frame to construct a detailed report on the world's major landmasses and bodies of water. Ensure you use technical terminology and provide justifications for your observations.

As Finn the dolphin glides across the globe, he observes that our planet is a complex mosaic of expansive oceans and distinct continental landmasses.

Word bank: consequently · furthermore · in contrast · predominantly · vast · geographical features · hemisphere · significantly · diverse · equator

1. Introduction: Define the difference between a continent and an ocean, explaining why these geographical features are significant to the Earth's structure. Start with: 'Continents are vast landmasses that differ from oceans because...' (2 marks)

2. Continental Comparison: Compare and contrast two different continents. Focus on their climate, size, or unique physical geography. Start with: 'When comparing [Continent A] with [Continent B], it is evident that...' (3 marks)

3. Oceanic Importance: Justify why the world's oceans are vital for global climate regulation and marine biodiversity. Start with: 'Oceans play a crucial role in our environment, specifically because...' (3 marks)

4. The Human Impact: Explain why human settlements are often located near specific coastlines or water sources. Start with: 'Throughout history, civilisations have flourished near oceans because...' (3 marks)

5. Critical Thinking: What might happen to global weather patterns if a major ocean current were to be significantly altered? Start with: 'If a major ocean current were to shift, the consequences for the surrounding continents would be...' (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise the importance of protecting these global regions. Start with: 'In conclusion, maintaining the health of our continents and oceans is essential for the future because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn. Write a persuasive diary entry arguing which continent offers the most diverse geographical range and justify your choice using evidence from your research.