

Year 5 Geography Assessment: Exploring Europe

Learning objective: To assess pupils' understanding of European physical and human geography, including climate zones, biomes, major countries, and city characteristics.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure your spelling is accurate and use full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin has been busy mapping the diverse landscapes of Europe. From the icy reaches of the Arctic Circle to the sun-drenched coastlines of the south, Europe is a continent of immense variety. It contains fifty countries, each with unique human and physical features that shape the lives of the people who reside there.

Word bank: Latitude · Hemisphere · Tundra · Mediterranean · Topography · Urbanisation · Continent · Precipitation

1. Identify two major mountain ranges found in Europe and name one country each one passes through. (2 marks)

2. Explain why the climate in Southern Europe (the Mediterranean) is significantly different from the climate in Northern Europe. Use the term 'latitude' in your answer. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the human features of a capital city like London with a rural village in the Swiss Alps. Consider transport, buildings, and population density. (4 marks)

4. If you were planning a holiday to a country in the 'Tundra' biome, what specific clothing and equipment would you need to pack? Justify your choices based on the environment. (3 marks)

5. Many European countries use different currencies, though some share the Euro. If a toy costs €15.00 in France, and the exchange rate is £1 to €1.20, calculate the cost in British pounds (£). Show your working. (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the local economy and environment if a popular tourist destination becomes 'over-visited'? Suggest two potential consequences. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are an explorer travelling from the coast of Portugal to the Ural Mountains in Russia. Describe the changes in physical geography, vegetation, and human activity you would encounter along this journey. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled sketch map of Europe. Include the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and at least three major rivers or mountain ranges.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research Task: Choose one European country that is landlocked. Write a short paragraph explaining the economic advantages and disadvantages of not having a coastline for trade and tourism.