

Finn's European Expedition: A Geography Challenge

Learning objective: To identify key physical and human geographical features of Europe, including countries, capital cities, and mountain ranges.

Join Finn the dolphin as he maps the coastline of Europe! Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer. Good luck, explorers!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False (It is the Alps), 4.Paris, 5.B, 6.False (It is a landmass), 7.A, 8.True, 9.Mediterranean, 10.D. Higher-Order Thinking: 1. Physical features like mountains act as natural barriers. 2. Climate affects agriculture and lifestyle. 3. Proximity to the coast boosts trade and tourism. 4. Europe is densely populated compared to some other continents. 5. Rivers provided water and transport for early settlements. 6. Diverse languages reflect varied historical migrations.

Word bank: Alps · Mediterranean · Capital · Continent · Peninsula · Tundra · European Union

1. 1. Which of these is a major mountain range located in south-central Europe? A) The Andes B) The Himalayas C) The Alps* D) The Atlas Mountains (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Europe is considered a continent because it is a large, distinct landmass. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The Pyrenees are the tallest mountain range in Europe. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the capital city of France? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which sea borders southern Europe? A) North Sea B) Mediterranean Sea* C) Red Sea D) Baltic Sea (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Europe is the largest continent in the world by land area. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these countries is an island nation located in Europe? A) Iceland* B) Austria C) Switzerland D) Hungary (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The Prime Meridian passes through Greenwich, London. (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: The _____ climate is characterised by hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which river is famously known for flowing through several European capitals including Vienna and Budapest? A) Seine B) Thames C) Volga D) Danube* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of Europe and label it with at least three major physical features (e.g., Alps, Danube River, Mediterranean Sea) and two capital cities.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why many of Europe's oldest cities were built along major rivers. 2. Compare and contrast the climate of Northern Europe and Southern Europe. 3. Justify why the Alps are significant to European trade and tourism. 4. What might happen to coastal European cities if sea levels continue to rise? 5. Analyse why Europe has such a high density of different languages and cultures in a relatively small area. 6. Design a travel itinerary for a journey across three different European countries, calculating a budget of £500 for local transport and food.