

Exploring the Continent: A European Geography Report

Learning objective: To research, compare, and describe the diverse physical and human geographical features of European countries.

Use this scaffold to structure your geographical report. Choose two European countries to compare and contrast. Use your research skills to identify key landmarks, climates, and populations.

Europe is a diverse continent, home to a vast array of unique cultures, landscapes, and climates that stretch from the icy Arctic Circle to the sun-drenched Mediterranean coast.

Word bank: Furthermore · In contrast to · Similarly · A significant landmark · Situated in the... · Conversely · Predominantly · Topography · Climate zone · Whilst

1. Introduction: State the two countries you have chosen and describe their general location within Europe. Start by saying: 'The two European nations I have chosen to investigate are...' (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Describe the primary physical features of both countries (e.g., mountain ranges, rivers, or coastlines). Start by saying: 'When comparing the physical terrain, it is evident that...' (3 marks)

3. Climate and Weather: Explain how the climate differs between your two chosen countries. Start by saying: 'The climate in [Country A] is typically..., whereas [Country B] experiences...' (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Identify major cities, languages, or famous landmarks. Start by saying: 'Regarding human geography, both countries feature distinct characteristics, such as...' (3 marks)

5. Evaluation: Explain why someone might choose to visit one country over the other based on your findings. Start by saying: 'A traveller might prefer to visit [Country] because...' (4 marks)

6. Justification: If you were tasked with planning a sustainable trade route between these two countries, which transport links would you prioritise and why? (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Finn the dolphin, swimming through the seas surrounding Europe. Write a short, persuasive diary entry explaining which European coastline you find the most fascinating and why, using evidence from your research.