

Finn's Mountain Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and describe the physical features of mountains and understand how they differ from the land around them.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Finn the dolphin loves to explore, but today he is travelling on land to visit the Great Peaks. Finn looks up at the giant mountains. They are much higher than the flat fields near his home. The peaks have sharp, rocky tops that touch the clouds. Finn notices that the air feels much colder the higher he climbs. He sees snow on the summit, even though it is a sunny day. He learns that a mountain is a landform that rises high above the surrounding land. When many mountains are joined together, they are called a mountain range. Between the mountains, there are deep, green valleys where rivers flow. Finn walks carefully on the winding path. He thinks about how big the world is. He likes to look at the patterns of the rocks and the way the shadows fall on the slopes. Mountains are very important because they help change the weather and provide homes for many special animals. Finn is happy to be on this big, rocky adventure today.

Word bank: Summit: The very top of a mountain. · Range: A group of mountains connected together. · Altitude: How high a place is above the sea. · Valley: The low land between two mountains.

1. What is the name for a group of mountains joined together? (2 marks)

2. Where does Finn see snow? (2 marks)

3. Why does the air feel colder as Finn climbs higher? (2 marks)

4. What might Finn see if he looks down into the space between two mountains? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Finn enjoys his trip to the mountains? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a mountain range. Include a snowy summit, a deep valley, and a river flowing at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are climbing a mountain with Finn. Write two sentences about what you would pack in your backpack to stay safe and warm.