

Exploring North America with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify key geographical features of North America.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin loves to travel across the world's oceans. Today, he is visiting North America. This is a very large continent. It is home to many different countries, including Canada, the USA, and Mexico. North America has many amazing natural features. In the west, there are huge, tall mountains called the Rocky Mountains. In the east, there are flat lands called plains. Because the continent is so big, the weather changes a lot. In the north, it is very cold and icy. In the south, it is much warmer and sunnier. Many people live in big cities, but others live in quiet forests or near the coast. Finn enjoys swimming along the long, winding coastline. He says that North America is a place of great variety. From snowy peaks to hot deserts, there is always something new to see. Finn likes to use his map to find all the different places. He thinks everyone should learn about this special part of the world.

Word bank: North America · continent · mountains · oceans · climate

1. Name two countries found in North America. (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the tall mountains in the west? (1 mark)

3. Why does the weather change from the north to the south of the continent? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Finn feels about exploring new places? (2 marks)

5. Which part of North America would you like to visit: the cold north or the warm south? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of North America. Include the tall mountains on one side and the ocean on the other.



Extension challenge: Find North America on a globe or an atlas. Can you name one ocean that touches its coastline?