

Finn's Great British Expedition: Mapping the Regions

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the key physical and human characteristics of the regions of the United Kingdom.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming around the British Isles, observing the diverse landscapes. Your task is to act as a cartographer. Use the word bank to correctly sort the characteristics into the correct UK region. Then, answer the analytical questions to demonstrate your deeper understanding of regional geography.

Word bank: Highlands · Pennines · Fens · Financial district · Glaciated valleys · Industrial heritage · Agricultural plains · Snowdonia · Coastal cliffs

1. Sort the following features into either 'Physical Characteristics' or 'Human Characteristics': The Pennines, The London financial district, Snowdonia, Agricultural plains in the East of England. Justify your classification. (4 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the geographical features of the Scottish Highlands with the Fens of East Anglia. How does the elevation impact land use in these areas? (3 marks)

3. Explain why the population density in a major city like London is significantly higher than in the rural regions of North Wales. Consider both historical and economic factors. (3 marks)

4. If a new business decided to relocate from the South East to the North of England, what might happen to the local economy? Justify your prediction. (2 marks)

5. Identify one major physical feature of your own local region. How has this feature influenced the way people live or work in your area? (2 marks)

6. Critique the statement: 'All regions in the UK have the same climate.' Use evidence about regional location and topography to support your argument. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch map of the United Kingdom. Label the four countries and shade three distinct regions, adding a small symbol to represent a key feature in each (e.g., a mountain for the Highlands, a factory for the industrial North, or a ship for the coastal regions).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an urban planner. Write a short proposal (150 words) for a new landmark in a specific UK region. Explain why your choice of location is geographically appropriate, considering the region's existing landscape and human activity.