

Finn's Great British Geography Expedition

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

Join Finn the dolphin on a coastal and inland journey across the UK. Read each question carefully and select the best answer or provide a short response.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.B, 5.D, 6.A, 7.Ben Nevis, 8.True, 9.B, 10.B. Greater Depth guidance: Encourage students to use geographical terminology like 'urbanisation', 'topography' and 'climate' when justifying their answers.

Word bank: Topography · Urban · Rural · Precipitation · Latitude · County · Highlands · Lowlands

1. Which of these is a major region located in the south-east of England? A) The Pennines, B) The Highlands, C) The Home Counties*, D) The Grampians (1 mark)

2. True or False: The climate of the UK generally becomes colder and wetter as you move towards the north-west. (1 mark)

3. True or False: London is located in the region of Northern Ireland. (1 mark)

4. Which physical feature dominates the landscape of the Scottish Highlands? A) Flat plains, B) Mountainous terrain*, C) Tropical rainforests, D) Coastal archipelagos (1 mark)

5. Which of these is a significant city located in the West Midlands region? A) Bristol, B) York, C) Newcastle, D) Birmingham* (1 mark)

6. The Lake District is a famous National Park located in which part of England? A) North West*, B) South West, C) East Anglia, D) South East (1 mark)

7. What is the name of the highest mountain in the UK, found in the Scottish Highlands? (1 mark)

8. True or False: Wales is home to the Snowdonia National Park. (1 mark)

9. Which region is famously known for its high concentration of historical coal mining sites? A) The Cotswolds, B) South Wales*, C) The Fens, D) The Surrey Hills (1 mark)

10. Which of these cities is the capital of Northern Ireland? A) Cardiff, B) Belfast*, C) Edinburgh, D) Dublin (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of the UK and label the four countries. Add a small drawing of a mountain in Scotland and a city building in England to show the contrast between rural and urban landscapes.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the population density is generally higher in the south-east of England compared to the Scottish Highlands. 2. Compare and contrast the physical geography of the Lake District with the Fens of East Anglia. 3. Justify why the UK has such a varied climate despite being a relatively small island. 4. What might happen to the local economy of a small rural village if a new high-speed railway station were built there? 5. Research and describe one specific human characteristic (such as a famous landmark or industry) of your own local region. 6. If you were planning a journey from Cornwall to the Cairngorms, how would you describe the changes in the landscape you would witness?