

Exploring the United Kingdom: Regional Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the human and physical geographical features of different regions within the United Kingdom.

Join Finn the dolphin on a UK-wide expedition! Choose a specific region of the United Kingdom (e.g., The South West, The Highlands, or The Midlands). Use your geography atlas or classroom resources to research your chosen area and complete this fact-file. Remember to use precise geographical vocabulary to describe the landscape and the people who live there.

Word bank: Topography · Settlement · Climate · Industry · Infrastructure · Demographics · Land-use · Coastal · Urban · Rural

1. Region Name and Location: Identify your chosen region and describe its position within the United Kingdom using compass points. (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Describe the key physical features of this region. Think about hills, rivers, coastlines, and common weather patterns. (3 marks)

3. Human Geography: What is the main type of settlement here? Is it mostly urban or rural? Describe the primary industries or jobs found in this area. (3 marks)

4. Explain why: Explain why the physical landscape of this region might influence the way people live and work there. (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: How does the region you have studied differ from your own local area? Mention at least two distinct differences. (4 marks)

6. Justify your answer: If you were planning a new infrastructure project (such as a railway or wind farm) in this region, where would you build it and why? Justify your choice based on the geography you have researched. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a travel writer tasked with creating a brochure for this region. Write a persuasive paragraph to encourage tourists to visit, focusing on the unique 'sense of place' that makes this region different from the rest of the UK. What might happen to the local economy if tourism were to increase significantly?