

Exploring Africa with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and map key geographical features and biomes of the African continent.

Follow the steps below to create your own map of Africa. Use your geography knowledge to label the physical features correctly. Use the word bank provided to ensure your labels are accurate.

Draw: Draw a large outline of the African continent in the center of your page. Using a landscape style, fill in the geographical features: draw golden sand dunes in the north for the Sahara, a blue winding line for the River Nile, and wide grassy plains in the central region for the Savanna. Use a brown triangle to represent Mount Kilimanjaro in the east. Surround the continent with blue water to represent the surrounding oceans and seas.



Label words: Sahara Desert · Nile River · Mount Kilimanjaro · Savanna · Equator · Atlantic Ocean · Indian Ocean · Mediterranean Sea

Steps:

1. Draw a line across the center of the continent to represent the Equator. Why is the climate near this line typically hot all year round?
2. Label the Sahara Desert on your drawing. Describe one way that people or animals adapt to live in this environment.
3. Identify the longest river in Africa on your map. In which direction does this river flow?

4. Draw a small symbol for a mountain in East Africa and label it Mount Kilimanjaro. Is this the highest point in Africa?
5. List two major oceans that border the African continent.