

Exploring the Continent of Asia with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify key geographical features, countries, and climates of Asia, the world's largest continent.

Use your knowledge of world geography to complete these tasks. Finn the Dolphin has been mapping the coastlines of Asia and needs your help to organize his findings!

Asia is the largest and most populous continent on Earth. It stretches from the frozen Arctic in the north to the tropical islands in the south. It features the world's highest mountain range, the longest coastlines, and a massive variety of climates ranging from deserts to rainforests.

Word bank: Himalayas · Equator · Tundra · Archipelago · Monsoon · Landlocked

1. Finn is studying the Himalayas. Why are these mountains significant to the geography of Asia, and which famous peak is found there? (2 marks)

2. Asia contains several 'landlocked' countries. Explain what the term 'landlocked' means and name one Asian country that fits this description. (2 marks)

3. Many parts of Southern Asia experience a 'monsoon' climate. Describe how this weather pattern affects the environment and the people living there. (2 marks)

4. Look at a world map. Why is Asia considered a continent of extremes? Provide two examples of different geographical environments found within Asia. (2 marks)

5. Japan and the Philippines are examples of an 'archipelago'. Using the word bank, define what an archipelago is. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of Asia and label at least three major physical features, such as a desert, a mountain range, and a major river.



Extension challenge: Research a country in Asia that interests you. Write a short paragraph explaining its capital city, the main language spoken, and one unique physical feature of the landscape.