Exploring the Regions of the United Kingdom

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key characteristics, major cities, and geographical features of the different regions of the United Kingdom.

Use your knowledge of the United Kingdom's geography to answer the questions below. Think about the physical and human features of the four nations and the various regions within England.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the coastline of the UK, while Max the monkey has been busy calculating the population densities of different regions. Use your geographical knowledge to complete the tasks.

Word bank: Highlands · Pennines · Agriculture · Urbanisation · Topography · Coastal · Climate · Industry

1. Name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and identify the capital city of each. (4 marks)

2. Explain one key difference in the physical geography (topography) between the North of England and the South of England. (2 marks)

3. Finn the dolphin is swimming around the coast. Name two major mountain ranges found in the UK and state which country they are located in. (2 marks)

4. Max the monkey is looking at a budget for a school trip. If a train ticket from London to Manchester costs £42.50, how much would it cost for a group of 12 students to travel there and back? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think the South East of England has a higher population density compared to the Highlands of Scotland? Consider both human and physical factors. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled sketch map of the United Kingdom. Include the four capital cities, one major mountain range, and one major river.

Extension challenge: Choose one UK region (e.g., The South West, The Midlands, or The Scottish Borders). Create a travel brochure entry describing its climate, main industries, and one famous physical landmark.