Exploring the Wonders of Asia

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills while learning about the geography and diversity of the continent of Asia.

Read the passage carefully about the continent of Asia, then answer the questions below using full sentences.

Finn the dolphin has spent his life swimming through the world's oceans, but he finds the continent of Asia truly fascinating. Asia is the largest continent on Earth, stretching from the frozen Arctic in the north to the tropical islands in the south. Because it is so big, the weather and scenery change completely depending on where you are. In the centre of Asia, you can find the Himalayas, which is the tallest mountain range in the world. Many people live in bustling, modern cities, while others live in quiet villages near lush rainforests or dry deserts. Asia is also home to many archipelagos, which are groups of islands surrounded by blue sea. Whether it is the snowy peaks of high mountains or the warm, sandy beaches of the islands, Asia is a place of incredible variety. Finn loves looking at his maps of this vast land because there is always something new to discover, from ancient traditions to the busy life of the present day.

Word bank: continent · mountain range · diverse · climate · landscape · archipelago

1. What is the name of the tallest mountain range in the world mentioned in the text? (1 mark)

2. According to the text, what is an archipelago? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the weather in Asia changes so much from the north to the south? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, how does Finn feel about Asia? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

5. If you could visit any part of Asia described in the text, which would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture showing the different landscapes of Asia, including a snowy mountain peak and a tropical island beach.

Extension challenge: Research one country found in Asia and write three interesting facts about it to share with your class.