Finn’s Grand Global Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and name the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below. Use your geography knowledge to help you.

Finn the dolphin is an expert explorer who loves to travel the world’s waters. He often spends his days swimming through the five great oceans: the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Arctic. Finn knows that the Earth is a vast place made up of seven huge landmasses called continents. These are Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America.

When Finn surfaces for air, he looks up at the maps he keeps in his sea-cave. He notices that Asia is the largest continent, stretching far and wide, while Antarctica is the coldest, covered in thick ice. Finn enjoys visiting the warm, tropical waters near the equator, where he can see the coastlines of many different countries. He knows that whether he is diving deep into the freezing Arctic Ocean or racing through the waves of the Atlantic, every part of our planet is special. By studying his atlas, Finn helps all his friends understand how these continents and oceans fit together like a giant, colourful jigsaw puzzle covering our home, Earth.

Word bank: continent · ocean · equator · hemisphere · globe · atlas

1. List two of the five oceans mentioned in the text. (2 marks)

2. Which continent does the text describe as being the coldest? (1 mark)

3. Why might Finn need to use an atlas to help his friends? (2 marks)

4. How can you tell that Finn enjoys exploring the world? (2 marks)

5. If you could visit one of the seven continents, which one would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple map of the world. Label at least three continents and two oceans using the names Finn mentioned in the story.

Extension challenge: Research one animal that lives in the Arctic Ocean and one animal that lives on the continent of Africa. Write one sentence about each.