Exploring Our Neighbours: A Journey Across Europe

Learning objective: To identify European countries and capital cities, and understand the physical and human geography of the continent.

Use your knowledge of Europe and an atlas to help Finn the dolphin map out his latest adventure. Answer the questions below using full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin is travelling through Europe! He is using his map to find countries, famous landmarks, and the capital cities of our continent. From the chilly northern seas to the sunny southern coasts, Europe is full of different cultures, languages, and landscapes.

Word bank: continent · capital city · Mediterranean · border · mountain range · European Union · atlas

1. Finn is starting his journey in the United Kingdom. Name the capital city of the United Kingdom. (1 mark)

2. Look at a map of Europe. Name two countries that share a land border with France. (2 marks)

3. A 'mountain range' is a group of mountains. Can you name one famous mountain range found in Europe? (1 mark)

4. If Finn wants to go on holiday to a country in Southern Europe that touches the Mediterranean Sea, which country could he visit? Name one. (1 mark)

5. Why is it useful for a geographer to use an atlas when learning about Europe? Explain your answer in one sentence. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Europe. Label the United Kingdom, one sea (such as the North Sea or the Mediterranean), and draw one famous landmark (like the Eiffel Tower or the Colosseum) in the correct country.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a trip across Europe with Finn. If you had £500 to spend on travel and food, which three capital cities would you visit and why? Write a short plan for your journey.