Exploring Our World with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and describe human and physical features of a landscape.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences.

Finn the dolphin loves to swim along the coast to see how the landscape changes. He often spots the difference between physical and human features. Physical features are natural parts of our world that were not made by people. Finn enjoys watching the waves crash against tall, jagged cliffs and feeling the soft, golden sand of the beaches. These are all examples of physical geography. When Finn swims closer to the town, he sees human features. These are things that people have built or changed. He spots a busy harbour where colourful fishing boats bob in the water, and a long bridge that helps people travel across the river. There is even a bright red lighthouse to guide ships safely home. Finn notices that human features are usually built to help us live our daily lives, like the shops where people buy their groceries for £5 or £10. Whether it is a towering mountain or a bustling city street, both physical and human geography make our world a truly fascinating place to explore. Finn always says there is something new to discover every time he dives beneath the waves.

Word bank: physical · human · landscape · coastline · harbour · feature · geography

1. According to the text, what is the main difference between a physical feature and a human feature? (2 marks)

2. List two examples of physical features mentioned by Finn in the passage. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think humans built a lighthouse in the harbour area? (2 marks)

4. Finn mentions that human features are built to 'help us live our daily lives'. Based on the text, what is one example of this? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is more important to protect physical features or human features? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a coastline that includes at least two physical features (like cliffs or a beach) and two human features (like a bridge or a lighthouse).

Extension challenge: Imagine you are building a new town by the sea. Write a list of three human features you would add to make it a great place to live, and explain why you chose them.