# Exploring North America with Finn

*Learning objective: To identify the location and key geographical features of North America, including its countries and surrounding oceans.*

Use your knowledge of world geography to complete the activities below. Refer to an atlas if you need help finding specific locations.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming across the globe! He is currently mapping the vast continent of North America. North America is the third-largest continent in the world. It is home to diverse climates, ranging from the frozen Arctic in the north to the tropical rainforests in the south. It is bordered by three major oceans and shares land borders with several countries.

*Word bank: Atlantic Ocean · Pacific Ocean · Canada · USA · Mexico · Arctic Ocean · Equator*

**1. Name the three largest countries that make up the main part of North America. (3 marks)**

**2. Finn is swimming to the west of North America. Which ocean is he in? (1 mark)**

**3. Look at a map. Why might the northern part of North America be much colder than the southern part near Mexico? (2 marks)**

**4. Which ocean lies to the east of North America, separating it from Europe? (1 mark)**

**5. If you were travelling from the USA into Canada, in which direction would you be heading: North, South, East, or West? (1 mark)**

**Draw: Draw a map of North America. Include the three main countries and label the three oceans that surround the continent.**



*Extension challenge: Research a famous landmark in North America (such as the Grand Canyon or Niagara Falls). Write two sentences explaining why it is an important geographical feature.*