Finn’s Great British Regional Tour

Learning objective: To identify and describe the characteristics of different regions within the United Kingdom.

Finn the dolphin is mapping out the regions of the UK! Use the word bank to correctly sort these geographical and cultural features into the four nations of the UK: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Some features may belong to more than one region, but try to find the best fit for each.

Word bank: Snowdonia National Park · The Giant's Causeway · The Lake District · The Highlands · Cardiff · Lough Neagh · Edinburgh Castle · The Pennines · Belfast · Ben Nevis · The Brecon Beacons

1. Sort the features from the word bank into the correct nation: England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland. (6 marks)

2. Finn wants to visit a region known for its mountainous terrain. Which two nations would you suggest he visits to see the highest peaks, and why? (3 marks)

3. Explain one key difference between the physical geography of the Scottish Highlands and the landscape found in the south-east of England. (2 marks)

4. If a tourist has a budget of £150 for a day trip to a national park, list two items they might need to purchase (e.g., a map for £8.50) and calculate their total spend. (2 marks)

5. Why is it important for geographers to understand the boundaries between these four nations? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the United Kingdom and label the four capital cities. Add a small illustration of a famous landmark in each of the four nations.

Extension challenge: Research a regional dialect or a traditional food dish from one of the four nations and write a short paragraph explaining its cultural significance.