

Key Facts

- There are seven continents- North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania and Antarctica.
- The Alps run through- France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Slovenia.
- The Eurasian and African plates meet under the Mediterranean Sea.
- The Alps were formed over 30 million years ago when the two plates moved towards each other. This made fold mountains.
- In the Alps, the temperature can drop to – 10°C (14°F) in winter and rise to 30°C (86°F) in summer.
- Tourism is an important industry in the Alps.
- Natural disasters have an effect on the Alps e.g avalanches.
- There are 3 types of avalanche -wet, powder and slab
- Homes are adapted to the environment so they can keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Vocabulary

Human features- created by humans.

Physical features- created naturally.

Continents- A large area of land consisting of different countries.

Mountain- a landform that rises high above the surrounding terrain.

Tectonic plates- large slab under the ground which move together to form earthquakes and mountains.

Industry- businesses and factories that produce goods to sell.

Tourism- people from other countries coming in helping the country make money.

Avalanche- when a slab of snow, lying on top of a weaker layer of snow, fractures and slides down a steep slope.

Positive effects of tourism

1. More money for the country.
2. Country is more developed.
3. More employment.

Negative effects of tourism

1. More pollution.
2. Damage to the environment.
3. Litter problems.
4. Traffic problems.
5. Disturbance to the locals.

