

Geography - Get Lost in a Map

Key Vocabulary

Co-ordinates	Numbers and letters used for referencing places on a map.
Key	Symbols of features that are on maps.
Equator	The divide between the northern and southern hemisphere.
Green and brown belt land	The area of land that surrounds urban towns and cities, normally given over to farm land.
Cartographer	A person who researches and creates maps.

Maps are one of the most important tools that researchers, cartographers, tourists, students use to examine the whole earth or certain parts of it. In simple words maps are pictures of the earth's surface. They can be used as a reference to show landforms (mountains and deserts) political boundaries, water bodies (rivers, lakes, seas and oceans) and the positions of cities.



The four compass points, North, South, East and West show us directions to go.

MAP SKILLS

Maps use symbols like lines and different colours to show features such as rivers, roads, cities or mountains.



Amazing fact!!! Some cave paintings and other drawings on bones and artefacts, which have been found, have turned out to be: maps of hunting areas, streams, routes, and even maps of the stars.



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Atlases show us the continents, oceans, climate, rivers and mountains around the world.

What type of map gives us very detailed information about a smaller area?



What is the name given to the grid reference numbers that we use to find a place on a map?



Topography maps show us detailed information about physical and man made features that are on the land. Look at the picture on the left. What do you think the wavy lines represent?

What may be used in a car to find your way to a certain place?

