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A Map Shows Where

Circle group

A map is a picture of a place. It shows the place as if you look down from the sky.

A map can show a town, a state, or the whole world. Its small pictures are called symbols. A blue spot can stand for a lake. A tiny house can stand for a school.

Look for the key. The key tells what each symbol means.

A map has a compass rose too. It shows four ways to go: north, south, east, and west. It can help you find your way.

Questions

1. What is a map?

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2. What are symbols?

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3. What does the key tell you?

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4. What four ways does a compass rose show?

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5. Why would you look at a map?

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Words to know

map: a drawing that shows where places and things are
symbol: a small picture that stands for something real
key: the box on a map that tells what the symbols mean
compass rose: the drawing on a map that shows north, south, east and west

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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A Map Shows Where

Triangle group

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A map can show a town, a state, or the whole world. It uses small pictures called symbols. A blue patch can stand for a lake. A tiny house can stand for a school.

Look for the key. The key tells what each symbol means.

A map also has a compass rose. It shows four directions: north, south, east, and west. You can use the compass rose to find your way.

Questions

1. What is a map?

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2. What are symbols on a map?

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3. What does the key tell you?

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4. What are the four directions on a compass rose?

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5. Why would a person look at a map?

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A Map Shows Where

Square group

A map is a drawing of a place. It shows the place as though you were looking down at it from high above.

A map can display a town, a state, or even the entire world. It uses small pictures called symbols. For example, a blue patch might represent a lake, and a tiny house might represent a school.

Always look for the map's key. The key explains what each symbol means.

A map usually includes a compass rose, too. The compass rose shows the four main directions: north, south, east, and west. You can use it to figure out which way to travel.

Questions

1. How does a map show a place?

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2. What are symbols, and what can they represent?

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3. What does a map's key explain?

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4. Which four main directions does a compass rose show?

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5. What are some reasons a person might use a map?

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For the teacher: A Map Shows Where

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: A Map Shows Where

Easier · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. A picture of a place, as if you look down from the sky.
2. Small pictures on a map that stand for things, like a lake or a school.
3. What each symbol means.
4. North, south, east, and west.
5. To find a place or to find your way.

Triangle: A Map Shows Where

This passage · 91 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

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2. Small pictures that stand for things, such as a lake or a school.
3. What each symbol means.
4. North, south, east, and west.
5. To find a place or to find the way to get somewhere.

Square: A Map Shows Where

Harder · 104 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. As though you were looking down at it from high above.
2. Small pictures on a map. A blue patch might represent a lake, and a tiny house might represent a school.
3. What each symbol means.
4. North, south, east, and west.
5. To find a place, or to figure out which way to travel to get somewhere.