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What Is a Map?

A map is a drawing of a place. There are many different kinds of maps that give information. Here are several maps. Look at each map. Put the number of the map next to the sentence that tells about it.

_____ One is a road map.
_____ One shows a classroom.
_____ One tells about the United States.
_____ One tells about farm products.
Using Map Symbols

This is a map of a classroom. Different parts of the map stand for the different things in the room. Pictures that stand for things in a map are called \textbf{symbols}.

1. This symbol stands for a student’s desk and chair. Choose a place on the classroom map and make a desk and chair symbol for the teacher. Add your symbol to the list in the box.

2. Now look at the list of symbols. Find each of the symbols on the map. Write the name of each symbol on the map.

3. Sometimes names of things are written on a map. Two things on this map have no symbol in the list above. Find them and mark an X on them.

4. The words “fish tank” are in the list of symbols. But there is no fish tank on the map. Make up its symbol. Put it in the list and on the map.

5. Add another bookcase to this classroom map.
Using a Map Key

Symbols on a map give information you need to use the map. A list of symbols at the bottom or side of a map is called a map key or legend. Look at the key to the map of Liberty Park. Use the key to help you answer these questions.

1. How many different children can use the swings and see-saws at one time? _____
   How many spaces does the roundabout or merry-go-round have? _____

2. Underline one answer. Where are the see-saws?
   a. under the slide
   b. next to the roundabout
   c. between the swings and slide

3. Underline each true sentence.
   a. The see-saws are closer to the swimming pool than the swings.
   b. The swimming pool and bike rack together take more space than the ball park.
   c. The swings are closer to the roundabout than to the slide.

4. Jenny and her team are playing baseball. Jenny is standing at home plate.
   1. Draw an X on the map to show where she is standing.
   2. There is a player on each base. Draw a circle to show where they are.
   3. Make a symbol for the pitcher. Then add your symbol to the key and to the map.