

# What is a Map?

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A map is a representation of the Earth's features drawn on a flat surface. Maps use symbols and colours to represent features of an area, simplifying the real world.

## Features of a Map

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Title</b>	Identifies the area shown, topic, focus or purpose of the map
<b>Legend</b>	Explains the meaning of symbols & colours
<b>Scale</b>	Represents the relationship between distance on the map and distance in the real world
<b>Direction</b>	Represented with an arrow or a symbol or by the use of latitude & longitude
<b>Border</b>	Sets the map apart from other information
<b>Date of Publication</b>	Indicates how recent the map is