What is a Map?

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**

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