

Key Vocabulary	
compass	A tool that shows people which direction they are travelling in and helps them find their way.
map	A drawing of an actual place showing an area of land or sea that shows physical features, cities, roads, etc.
map symbol	A picture or a sign on a map that represents something else such as a church or school.
map key	A list for telling you what the map symbols represent.
Ordnance Survey	A survey organisation in the UK which prepares very detailed maps of the country.
aerial view	A picture taken from directly above, for example from a drone or plane. Also known as a 'bird's-eye' view.
landmark	An object of a landscape that is easily recognised.
route	A way of getting from a start point to a finish point.
atlas	A collection of maps in one book.
physical feature	A feature that has been formed by nature.
human feature	A feature that has been made or changed by humans, e.g. bridges.
continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it. There are seven continents: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Antarctica and Australasia.
ocean	A large area of salt water. There are five oceans: the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans.

The UK

The UK is made up of the island of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The four countries of the UK are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The UK is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean. The capital city of England is London.



People have used maps for hundreds of years to help them travel from place to place. There are many different types of maps, such as sketch maps, road maps, Ordnance Survey maps, climate maps.

Planning a Route

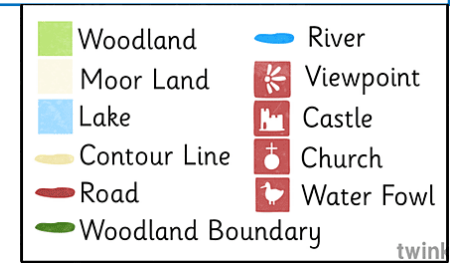
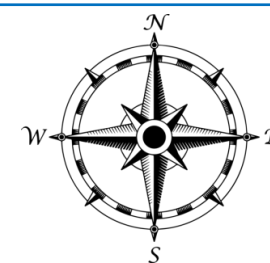
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Key Features of Maps

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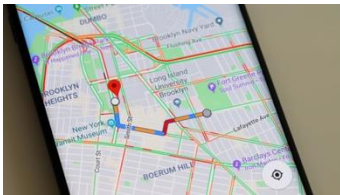


Using an Atlas

An atlas shows maps of continents, countries, oceans and the physical features of a place. The contents page shows a list of all the maps and the page that they can be found on. The index page lists, in alphabetical order, all of the countries, cities and towns that can be found in the atlas and shows which page number to look on.

Digital Maps

Lots of people use digital maps such as Google Maps and Sat Navs.

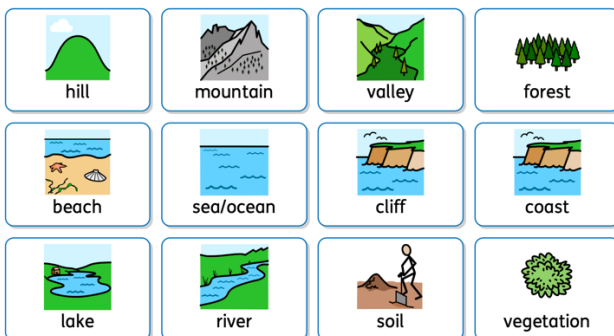


Human and Physical Features

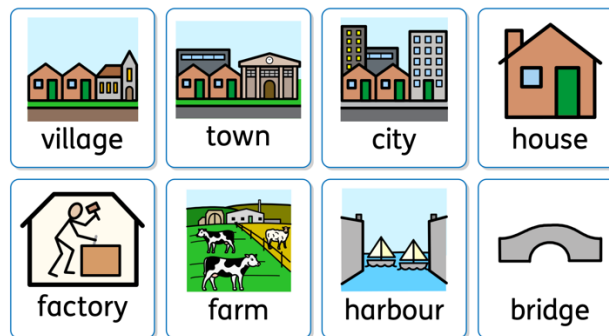
Human features are those that have been made or changed by humans. Physical features are those that have been formed by nature.

Maps show us the human and physical features of a place. The physical features can include forests, lakes and rivers. The human features can include roads, buildings and bridges. Some human and physical features are also included in the key.

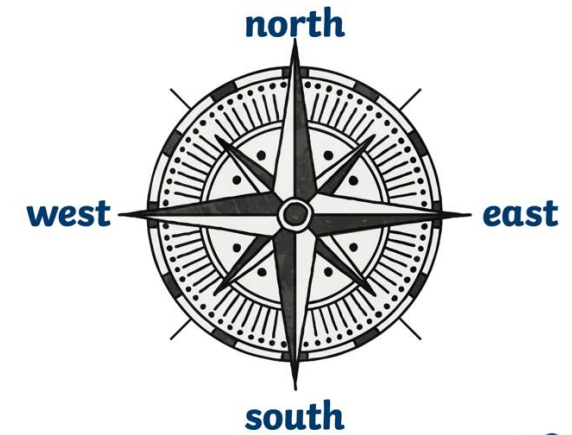
Physical Features



Human Features



Compass Points



Aerial View

Maps are usually drawn from an aerial view. We can look at aerial photographs to see the main physical and human features of places. Aerial photos are photos taken by aircraft or other flying objects, e.g. drones. A satellite photo is taken from a satellite in space.

