sketch map	A simple map with only basic details.
key	Helps us understand map symbols. Also known as a legend.
compass	This is printed on a map to show different directions.
map symbol	A picture or a sign on a map that represents something else.
Ordnance Survey	A survey organisation in the UK which prepares very detailed maps of the country.
route	A way of getting from a start point to a finish point.
compass	A tool which shows people which direction they are travelling in and helps them find their way.
climate	The usual weather conditions of an area.

What Is a Map?

A map is a drawing of an actual place that uses lines and symbols to represent real-life objects. People have used maps for hundreds of years to help them travel from place to place.

Types of Maps

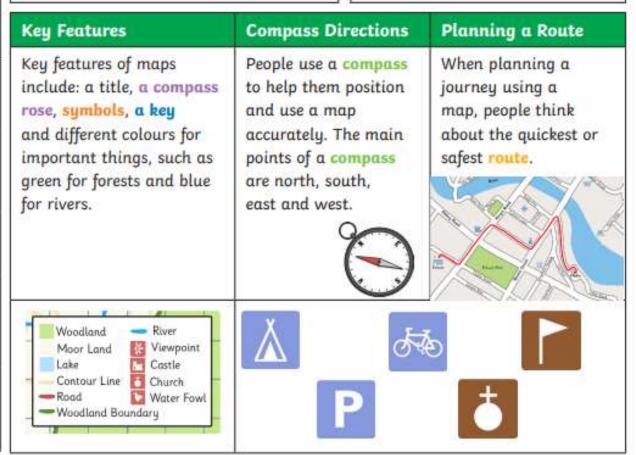
There are many different types of maps, such as:

Sketch maps

Road maps

Ordnance Survey maps

Climate maps



atlas	A collection of maps in one book.
continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it. There are seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Australasia, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.
ocean	A large area of salt water There are five oceans: the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans.
physical feature	A feature that has been formed by nature.
aerial view	A view from above. Also known as a 'bird's-eye' view.
h <mark>u</mark> man feature	A feature that has been made or changed by humans, e.g. bridges.

Using an Atlas

An atlas shows maps of continents, countries, oceans and the physical features of a place. Its 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.

Did you know?

A map maker is called a cartographer.

The oldest maps were made on clay tablets.



Physical Features An Aerial View More About Maps Atlases show us the Maps are usually drawn Did You Know. ? physical features of a place. from an aerial view. Maps cannot possibly These can include forests, We can look at aerial show everything. They lakes and rivers. On the photographs to see the are drawn to scale. index page beside the page main physical and number, there is sometimes Seas are smaller human features of places. areas of water than a letter that tells you the Aerial photos are photos oceans. They are found kind of feature it is, e.g. m = taken by aircraft or other where the land and mountain and r= river. flying objects, e.g. drones. A satellite photo is taken water meet. from a satellite in space.