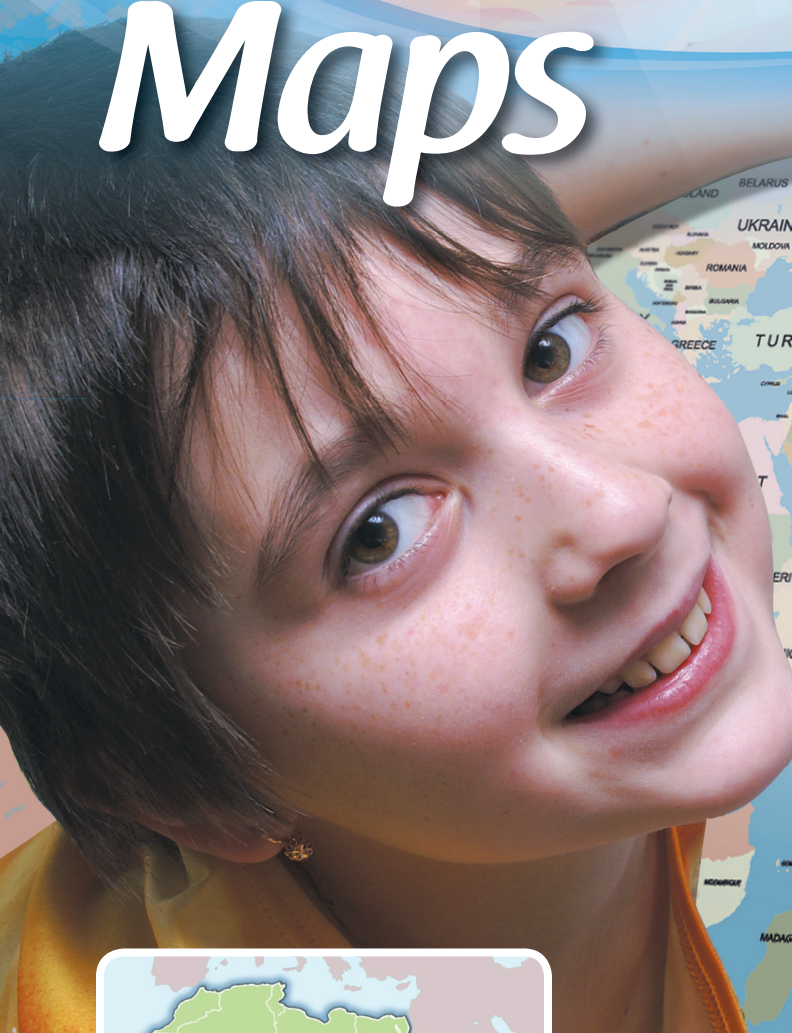


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Maps



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Maps are drawings of places.
Some maps help people find
their way around.



Some maps show boundaries between
states or countries. A boundary is a line
that shows where one place ends and
another place begins.

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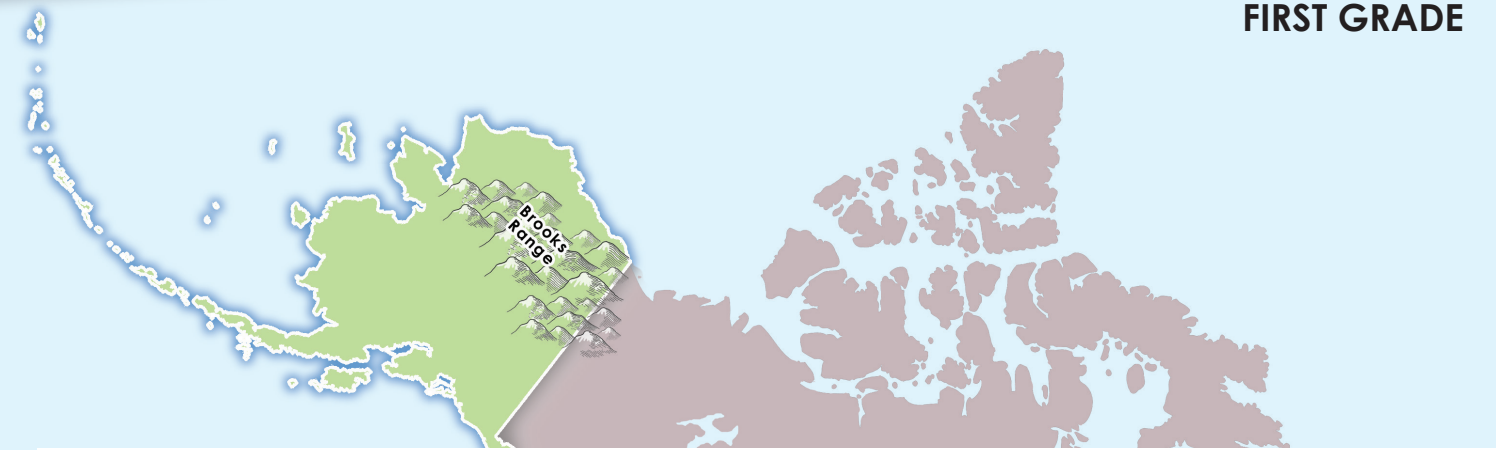
Most maps have a key to help you read them. A map key tells you what the symbols on the map stand for. An airplane (✈️) shows where an airport is located.



North, south, east and west are cardinal directions. Do you see something that looks like a star below the map? That is a compass rose. It tells directions, or which way to go to get to your location.

Put your finger on Birmingham, Alabama, on the map. Which way would you go to get from Birmingham to the other cities on the map?

Look at your classroom. Point to the north wall. Which direction would you walk to get from your classroom to the cafeteria? Your teacher will give you another practice map.



Maps and globes can show what the land on Earth looks like. This map shows landforms. Landforms are the shapes of the land. Landforms are things like mountains, valleys, deserts and beaches. Look at the map. How many landforms do you see?



Maps and globes can show bodies of water on Earth. Bodies of water can be large like oceans, lakes and rivers. Bodies of water can be small like ponds and creeks. Look at the map. How many bodies of water do you see?

Name _____

Write an N north of Birmingham, Alabama.
Write an S south of Atlanta, Georgia.
Write an E east of Little Rock, Arkansas.
Write a W west of Midland, Texas.



Answer these questions about locations in your school. Use the words **north**, **south**, **east** and **west**.
Which wall are you closest to?

Which direction do you walk to get to the drinking fountain?

My teacher's desk is _____ of my desk.

Our classroom door is _____ of the playground.



American Stories

Vitus Bering

Vitus Bering was an explorer from Denmark. Can you imagine traveling 6,000 miles across land and then sailing over very cold seas? That's what Vitus Bering did! He found a new waterway between Russia and Alaska. The waterway was named the Bering Strait after this brave explorer.

