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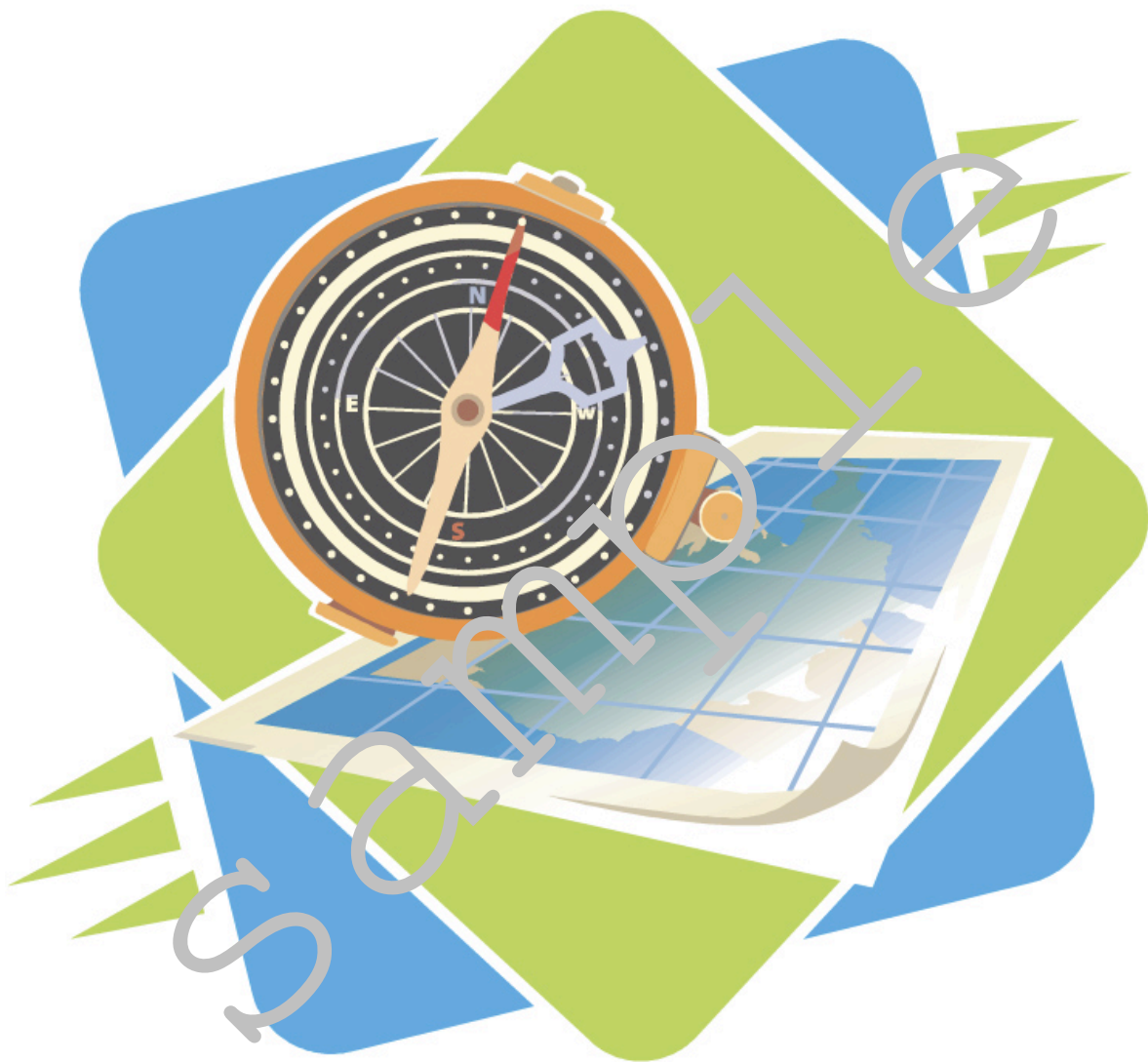
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Maps



MAPS



The oldest known map is a Babylonian clay tablet dating from about 2500 B.C..

It wasn't until mathematics was developed about 5000 years ago that maps began to take on a look that we would recognize today. The Babylonians and Egyptians used geometry to develop surveying skills.

Surveying is the skill of using special tools to determine the size and location of property, landmarks and formations. These measurements are then placed on a map.

The looks of ancient maps reflected the ideas of the civilizations that made them. Though we know that the Earth is round, that idea was not accepted until about 500 years ago. The idea was not new, just not accepted.



Read the words below. (a) Write a definition for each word. (b) Use the word in a sentence.

1a. geometry _____

1b. _____

2a. ancient _____

2b. _____

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Maps can be made to explain or show many different things.



A map can show the borders of countries, states, cities, or towns. This is called a **political map**.

A map that shows rivers, lakes, deserts, mountains, valleys is called a **topographical map**.

It might not show the names of towns, cities or countries.
Topographical maps may also be used to show elevations.
The map is usually printed in black and white.
Lines are used to show height levels and usually marked with a number.
All numbers are feet above or below sea level.
A plus sign means above, a minus sign is below.
These lines are called isolines or isograds.



Maps are used to show **population areas** and growth.

They are also used to show **agricultural** and **manufactured goods** produced by different areas.

Maps can show **rainfall** or **road systems**.

There are even **treasure maps** that show where a treasure might be buried.



MAPS



Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

grid
land

land
lines

survey
legend

globe
longitude

