



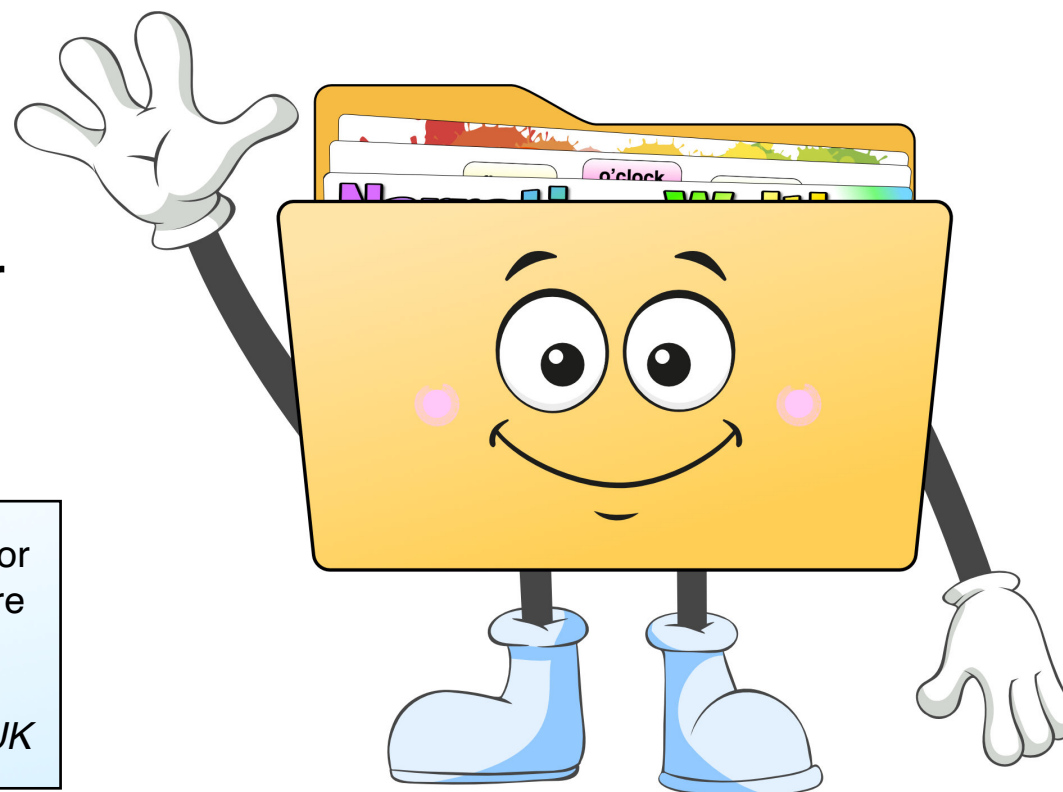
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Geography

The study of the Earth's land, water, and atmosphere and how human activity affects all living things.



Pollution caused by human activity is having a huge impact on Earth.



Map

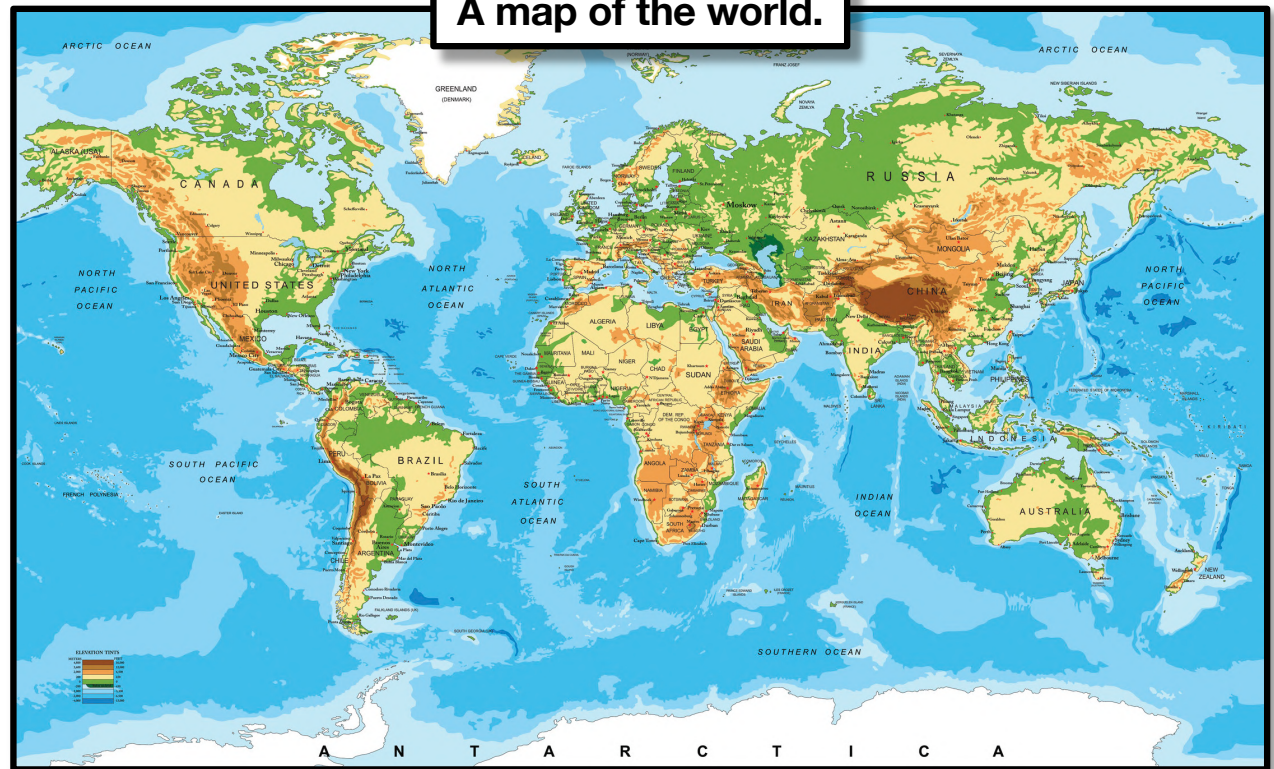
A map is a flat drawing of all or part of the Earth's surface. Some maps show visible natural features such as rivers, lakes and forests, while others show man-made features such as buildings and roads.

A photo of a road map.



Maps often have grid lines on them to help people locate a specific position.

A map of the world.



Cartographer

A person who draws or produces maps. Modern cartographers use computer software and aerial photographs taken by drones or satellites in space to help them make maps.

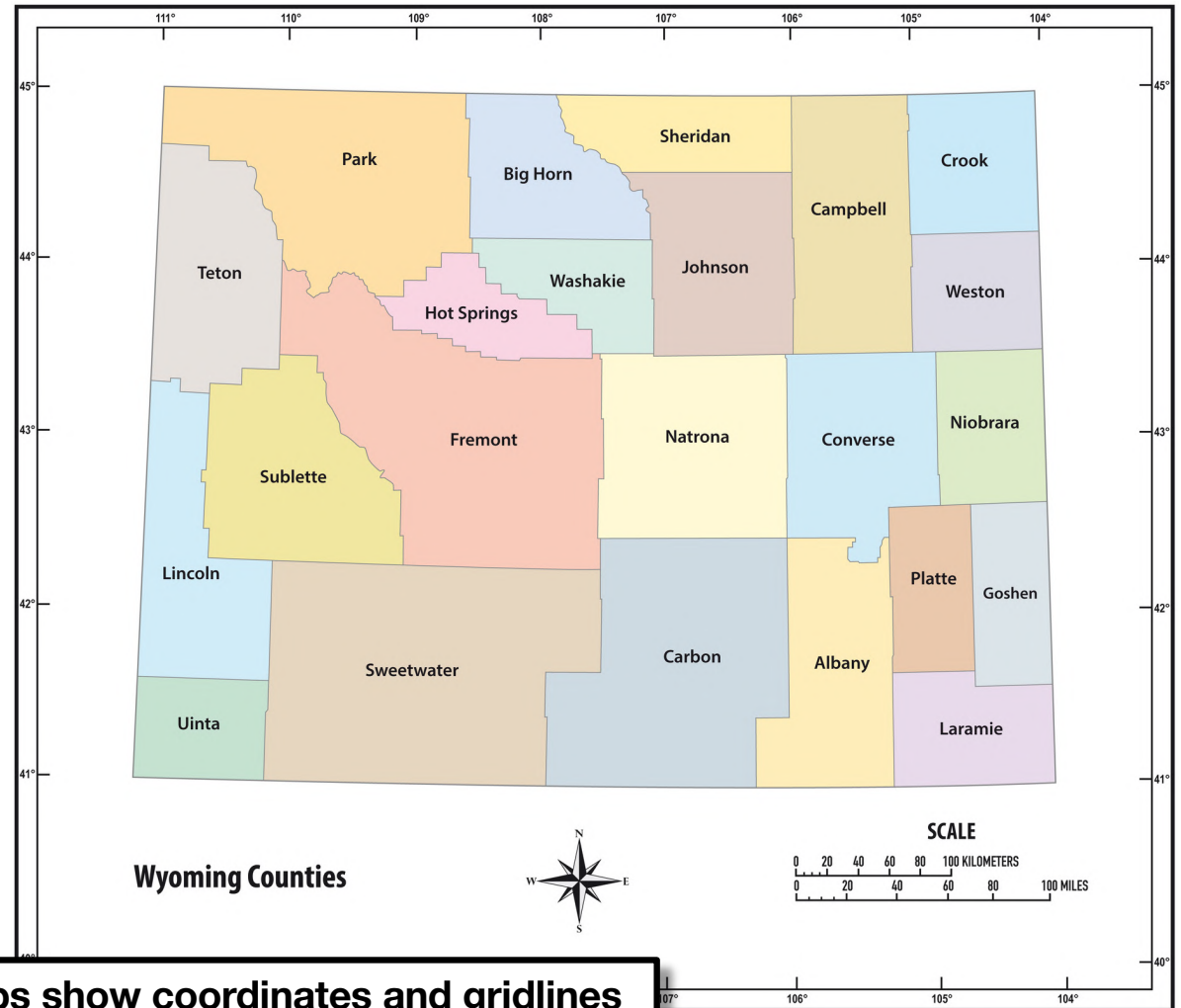


Satellites orbiting the Earth in space can send accurate, detailed images and data.



Coordinates

Two numbers, or sometimes a letter and a number, that locate a specific point on a grid.



These maps show coordinates and gridlines to help users find particular places.

Compass



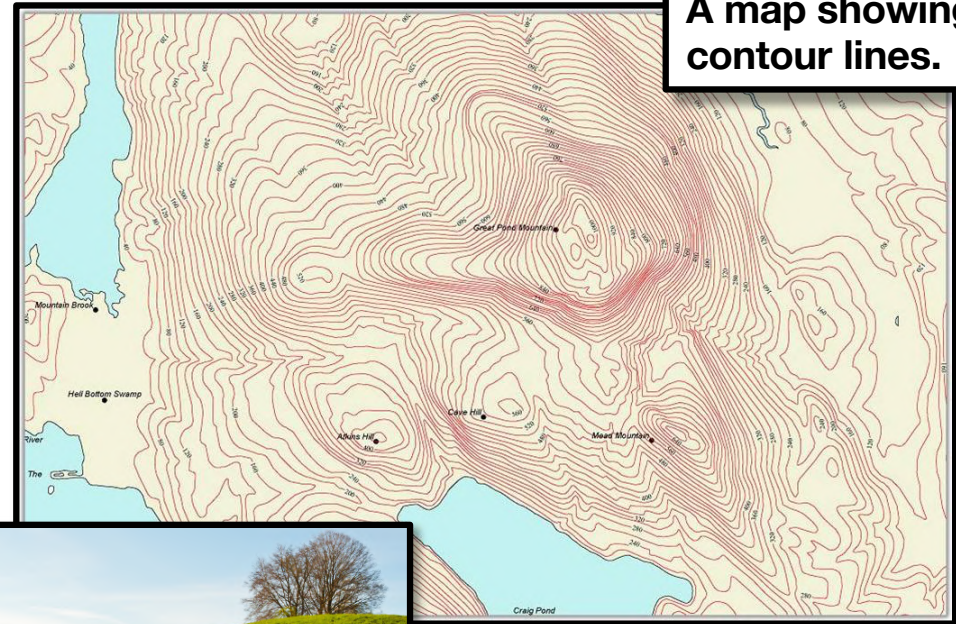
An instrument used for navigation. The four main points on a compass are north, south, east, and west. North and south are directed towards the Earth's North and South Poles, while the rotation of the Earth defines East and West.

Contour Lines

Lines on a map that join points of equal height above or below sea level.



When contour lines are close together it means the hill or mountain is steep.



A map showing contour lines.

When contour lines are far apart, it means the land slopes gently.

Key

A list of symbols that appear on a map. Symbols are often similar on different maps. For example, an 'i' is used for tourist information centres, whilst a 'P' is used to show parking.



Globe

A spherical model of the Earth. Globes have a similar purpose to maps, but unlike a map, they don't distort the image of planet Earth. Globes are three-dimensional, so they can scale the image down.



Atlas

A book containing maps and information about different countries or continents. Atlases often include pictures, tables, graphs, data, and facts to help us learn more about different places.



Cartographer Abraham Ortelius is considered to have produced the first published atlas called the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.



Equator

The Equatorial Line Monument in Quito, Ecuador.



An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth, halfway between the North and South Poles. The equator divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres.



An illustration showing the equator line.