

LO: To find the location of Bradford on a map of the UK

Starter

What is a map?

A map is a drawing of all or part of Earth's surface. It shows where things are. Maps may show features, such as rivers and lakes, forests, buildings, and roads. Most maps are drawn on a flat surface. A map displayed on a round surface is called a globe.

Maps show the location and shape of features on Earth's surface. These often include natural features, such as mountains and lakes. They can also include things that humans have built, such as roads and railroads. Globes provide the same kinds of information that flat maps do. Because Earth is almost round, a globe represents it best. A globe shows Earth as it looks when seen from outer space.

A map is always smaller than the area it represents. Most maps include something called a scale to show how much smaller the map is.

Maps usually have a symbol called a compass rose to show directions. The main compass points are —north, east, south, and west. Maps are often printed so that north is at the top. The compass rose therefore helps the user figure out which way is which.

I do - What type of map is the best representation of Earth?

We do - What does a map have that shows directions?

You do - What does a map have that shows how much smaller the map is?

You do - What features does a map show?
