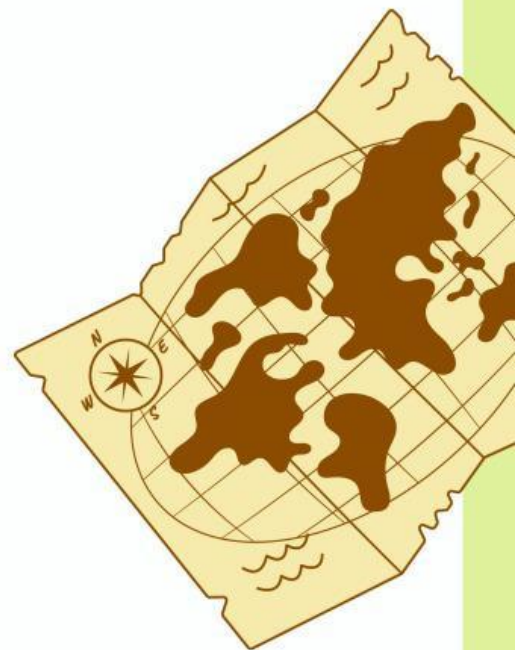
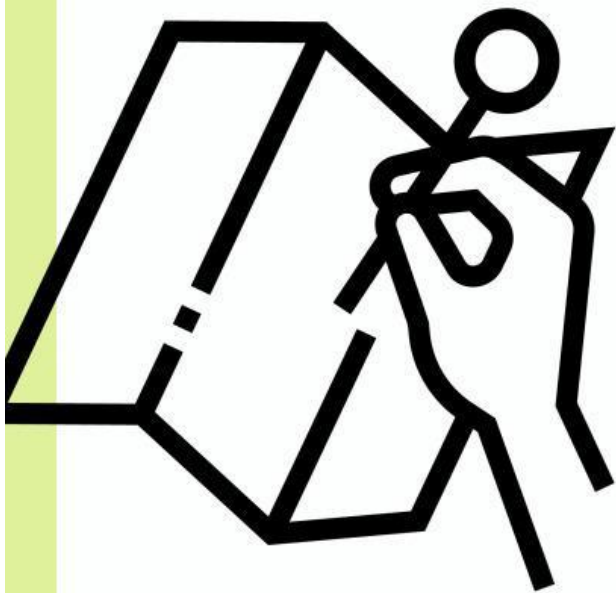


Mission 1 – The art of cartography

Ancient maps were more than mere guides; they were expressions of the explorers' spirit and a testament to human curiosity. The art of map-making, or cartography, involved painstaking calculations and illustrations, as well as careful notations on places yet unseen. Maps made centuries ago often contained phrases that seem unusual today. For example, "Here be dragons" was a common notation that hinted at unexplored or potentially dangerous territories. Likewise, early cartographers borrowed words from Greek and Latin, such as "geography" and "terra incognita", to label unknown regions.



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Activity 1

Read the sentences presented in the text, then write the guessed meaning of the expressions. Use the text to help you.

EXPRESSION	GUESSED MEANING	EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT
Here be the dragons		
Terra incognita		

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Activity 2

Finally, make use of the internet and look for the origin of the following words. Write about their roots.

Word	Origin and root
Cartography	
Notation	
Calculation	