

Practice Vocabulary

Use a Word Bank Choose one word from the word bank to fill in each blank. When you have finished, you will have a short summary of important ideas from the section.

Word Bank

cardinal directions

distortion

geography

intermediate directions

latitude

longitude

projection

scale

North, south, east, and west are the

Northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast are examples of

. People use them to describe the

location of places. They also use imaginary lines drawn across the

surface of the Earth. Lines that run north to south are called lines of

, while those that run east to west are

called lines of

People use maps and globes to represent the Earth's surface. Globes

are round like the Earth. They show locations on Earth as they

really are, but at a much smaller

To show Earth's round surface on a flat map, a mapmaker must

use a

, such as the Robinson

or Mercator. Therefore, even the best flat maps still show some

of the size or position of objects.

The study of Earth and its human and nonhuman features is called