Maps help people make sense of the world around them. They show where things are **located**. Because the world is so big, maps are created to show places as they look from above. Maps usually make places look much smaller than they really are.

Maps are pictures **created** by people. First, mapmakers use photographs of places taken from above to help them draw maps. They also **measure** the ground to find out the sizes of places and how far away things are from each other.

Next, mapmakers draw the maps. The mapmakers include the important details about an area. Some maps have shading, **labels**, and little pictures to help people learn more about a place.

Maps are important because they help us learn about the surface of the Earth. They also help us get to the places we need to go. Learning about maps is fun!

What does the underlined word mean in the passage? Write the letter of your choice in the boxes provided.

1. They show where things are **located.**

a.) found b.) fun c.) hide

2.) Maps are pictures **created** by people.

a.) sell b.) made c.) destroyed

3.) They also **measure** the sizes of places and how far away things are from each other.

a.) place b.) free c.) determine

4.) Some maps have shadings, **labels** and little pictures to help people learn more about a place.

a.) Far b.) marks c.) surface

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