Preescolar y Primaria

a) How far is it? b) Which direction is it? c) Where is it? d) What is a map?

How do use a map?

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A map is a drawing of one área, for Example, a city or a part of a country. Maps help you learn about that área because they show the important places. They also show you how to get to where you want to go.

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People often use maps when they want to find a place, like a bus station or a post office. A map is too small for you to write the names of all these places. Instead, you need to use small drawings. These are called symbols. Maps usually have a key to explain what the symbols mean.

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Maps help people get from one place to another. When you read a map. It is important to undertand the four directions. They are north, east, south and west. These are called the four points of a compass. If you walk in a direction that is between two of these points, you can say you are going north-east, south, east, south-west or north-west. Almost all maps have north at the top of the page.

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Maps show you how far you need to travel to get to a place. You can measure the distance between two places in a straight line using a ruler. But if you want to measure the exact distance by road, you need a piece of string. You must bend the string to follow the shape of the road from one point to another. After that, you measure the string and use a scale to find out the exact distance.



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