

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 [redacted].

Northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast are examples of [redacted].

People use them to describe the [redacted].

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

[redacted], while those that run east to west are

called lines of [redacted].

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 [redacted].

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

use a [redacted], such as the Robinson

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

[redacted] of the size or position of objects.

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