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A Map or a Globe?



Should you use a map or a globe? Or maybe both? Let's find out. A map is like a drawing of a place. It can be a picture of your town, your country, or even the whole world! Maps are flat, like a piece of paper. They show us where things are, like mountains, rivers, and cities. Maps help us find our way from one place to another without getting lost. But, what about globes? A globe is a round model of the Earth. It's like a ball that you can spin around. Globes show us how our planet looks from space. They have all the continents and oceans and sometimes more details, just like maps, but they show the Earth's true shape.

Maps and globes are similar because they both show us places in the world. They have pictures of lands and waters, and they help us learn about different parts of the Earth. But maps and globes are also different. Maps are flat, and they can be folded up and carried around easily. Globes are round and show the Earth just like it is - a big sphere floating in space.

One cool thing about globes is that they can show us how the Earth spins. But maps are great because they can give us lots of details in a small space. Some maps even show us where to find treasure!

Whether you're using a map to find your way to school or a globe to see where the penguins live, both maps and globes are awesome tools for discovering our world. Remember, every time you look at a map or spin a globe, you're becoming a better explorer!



1. Read the passage about "A Map or a Globe?"
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. Which statement is true?

- a. A map is like a sphere of the world.
- b. Globes only show continents and lakes.
- c. A globe is like a sphere or a ball.

2. Which can be folded?

- a. globe
- b. map
- c. map and globe

3. Maps and globes are similar because they both:

- a. get a new singing voice
- b. show towns and cities
- c. show us places in the world

4. What can I use to find my way to school?

- a. map
- b. globe
- c. map or a globe

5. Which one shows earth's true shape?

- a. maps
- b. globes
- c. both maps and globes

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. How could a person use a map or a globe to travel a place they have never been to?
2. Explain 2 ways a map or a globe can help you.
3. Explain the similarities and differences between maps and globes.
4. Describe a globe with at least 3 details.

- Why do you think maps are made flat if the Earth is round like a globe?
- How to maps and globes help people learn about places they have never visited?
- What advantages do globes have over maps?
- Explain what a map is as though you were telling an alien.
- Why would explorers need to use both maps and globes?