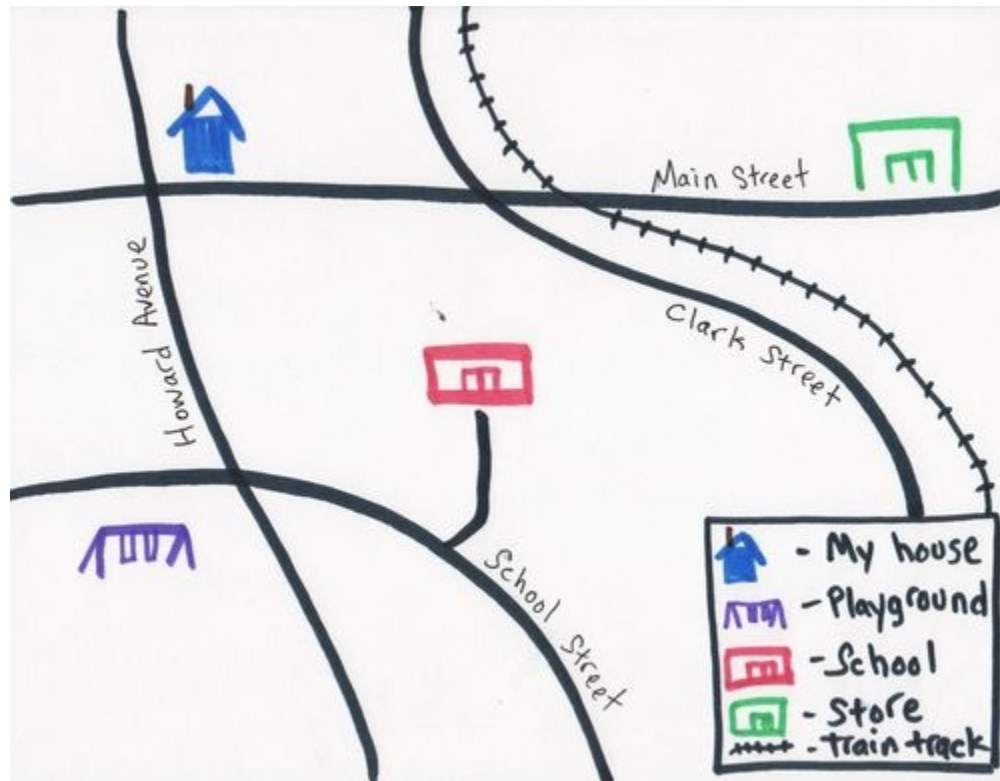


Make a Map

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You can make a map that shows where you live. The only tools you need are a piece of paper and a pencil.

Maps use symbols to represent what they show. Your first job is to decide on symbols. How will your map show houses, roads, schools, stores, and other places in your neighborhood?

Start by drawing a symbol for your home. Then draw your street. Show buildings, trees, parks, and roads nearby. You may need to go outside to do this part.

Do not let the map cover the entire piece of paper! When you are done mapping, find a corner of the page to make a legend. A legend is a box that tells what each symbol means. Draw a house, a tree, a road, and any other symbol you used. Then write the names of each symbol.

Finally, show your friends your map. See if they can find their way around using your creation.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. What can you make to show where you live?

- A. a map
- B. a house
- C. a book

2. Making a map of where you live is a process. What is the first step in this process?

- A. deciding what symbols to use
- B. drawing a symbol for your home
- C. making a legend on a corner of the paper

3. Read this paragraph from the article.

"Finally, show your friends your map. See if they can find their way around using your creation."

What can be concluded from this paragraph?

- A. Maps can help people find their way around.
- B. Maps always show houses, schools, stores, roads, trees, and parks.
- C. Maps would be hard to understand without a legend.

4. Read this paragraph from the article.

"Start by drawing a symbol for your home. Then draw your street. Show buildings, trees, parks, and roads nearby. You may need to go outside to do this part."

Why might you need to go outside while making a map?

- A. to learn where the nearby buildings, trees, parks, and roads are
- B. to show your friends the map
- C. to write out the names of each symbol in the legend of the map

5. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. The only tools you need to make a map are a piece of paper and a pencil.
- B. A legend is a box next to a map that tells what each symbol on the map means.
- C. You can make a map of where you live by using symbols to represent the places around you.

6. Read these paragraphs from the article.

"Maps use symbols to represent what they show. Your first job is to decide on symbols. How will your map show houses, roads, schools, stores, and other places in your neighborhood?

"Start by drawing a symbol for your home. Then draw your street. Show buildings, trees, parks, and roads nearby. You may need to go outside to do this part."

What does the word "symbols" mean here?

- A. boxes that explain what something means
- B. buildings where people live
- C. drawings that stand for something

7. Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

Your map should not cover the whole paper _____ there needs to be room for a legend next to the map.

- A. so
- B. but
- C. because

8. What is the first symbol you should draw on your map?

9. What is a legend on a map?

10. Would it be possible to understand a map without a legend? Support your answer with information from the article.
