



Maps and Map Keys

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- A) A hospital
- B) A park or forest
- C) A parking lot
- D) A swimming pool

2. Why do mapmakers use symbols instead of drawing real pictures of every building?

- A) Because they do not know how to draw
- B) Because symbols save space and keep the map clear
- C) Because maps are only for adults
- D) Because buildings are too small to see

3. Two maps show the same town but use different symbols. How can you still read both maps?

- A) Guess what each symbol means
- B) Only look at one map
- C) Check each map's legend to learn its symbols
- D) Ask a friend to draw a new map

4. A map shows brown shading in one area and green shading next to it. What might the brown area be?

- A) A lake
- B) A mountain or desert
- C) A school playground
- D) A cloudy sky

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. A map legend and a map key are the _____ thing.
2. A small envelope symbol on a map could stand for a _____ office.
3. Maps use colors, shapes, and _____ to share information.
4. A cross or plus symbol on a map often shows a _____.
5. Before reading any map, you should first look at the _____.

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