Map Skills - Vocab Cards

bird's-eye]>

seen from above, as from a bird's perspective.

From the plane's cabin, I had a _bird's-eye_ view of the trees and road below.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

border]>

the edge that separates one thing from another.

The _border_ between the United States and Canada is about 3,987 miles long, not counting Alaska.



Synonyms: boundary, bounds

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capital]>

the city in which the center of government is located.

The _capital_ of each state is sometimes the largest city, but not always.



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compass rose]>

a designed circle used on maps to show direction.

My map has a _compass rose_ on the bottom that shows me the four main directions: north, south, east and west.

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distance]>

the space between two places or things.

On my map, Los Angeles and San Diego are just two inches apart, but the actual _distance_ between the two cities is 120 miles.



Synonyms: gap, scope, span

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legend]>

an explanation of the symbols on a map or chart.

When I didn't recognize many of the symbols I saw on my map, I looked at its legend to find out what they represented.

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Synonyms: key

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map]>

a picture that shows the features of an area of the Earth or sky. We put pins on the _map_ to show all the places we went when we visited Europe.



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physical]>

existing in a material form; able to be seen and/or touched.

Two _physical_ features of this area are hills and lakes.



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scale]>

the relationship between something's actual size or distance compared to its size or distance on a map or model.

We looked at the _scale_ on the map and saw that one inch was equal to 200 miles.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

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symbol]>

something that stands for or represents something else.

A heart shape is a symbol of love.

Synonyms: sign, representation



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