



Vocabulary

- altitude—(n.) how high the land is above the sea level or the earth's surface
- atlas—(n.) a book of maps
- border—(n.) a line that separates two places
- capital—(n.) the city where the government of a country or state is located
- cardinal directions—(n.) the four main directions (north, south, east, and west)
- continent—(n.) a large piece of land; there are seven continents in the world (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America)
- coordinates—(n.) two numbers that describe where a place is on a map
- equator—(n.) a line that divides the world into northern and southern hemispheres
- hemisphere—(n.) half of a sphere; the world is divided into four hemispheres (northern, southern, eastern, and western)
- key—(n.) an explanation of abbreviations or symbols used on a map
- landmark—(n.) a building or place people think is interesting or important
- latitude—(n.) the distance a place is to the north or south of the equator
- longitude—(n.) the distance a place is to the east or west of the prime meridian
- prime meridian—(n.) a line that divides the world into eastern and western hemispheres
- symbol—(n.) something that stands for something else
- time zone—(n.) a section of the world where the same time is used in every city; the world is divided into 24 time zones

Abbreviations

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| • Ave.—Avenue | • Hwy.—Highway | • Rd.—Road | • SE—Southeast |
| • Blvd.—Boulevard | • Mt.—Mountain | • RR—Railroad | • St.—Street |
| • Dr.—Drive | • N—North | • Rt.—Route | • SW—Southwest |
| • E—East | • NE—Northeast | • S—South | • W—West |