

Map Skills and Directions

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Circle the correct answer for each map and directions question.

1. Which direction is between south and west?
 - (A) northeast
 - (B) southwest
 - (C) southeast
 - (D) northwest
2. What do we call a map that shows countries and their borders?
 - (A) a political map
 - (B) a treasure map
 - (C) a physical map
 - (D) a weather map
3. What color is usually used for water on a map?
 - (A) green
 - (B) brown
 - (C) blue
 - (D) red
4. On most maps, which direction is at the top?
 - (A) east
 - (B) south
 - (C) west
 - (D) north
5. Which direction is opposite of west?
 - (A) east
 - (B) south
 - (C) up
 - (D) north
6. Which imaginary line divides Earth into the Northern and Southern halves?
 - (A) the Prime Meridian
 - (B) the equator
 - (C) the border
 - (D) the coastline
7. What are the four main compass directions?
 - (A) up, down, left, and right
 - (B) forward and back
 - (C) hot and cold
 - (D) north, south, east, and west
8. What do we call the four main directions together?
 - (A) map symbols
 - (B) grid lines
 - (C) cardinal directions
 - (D) intermediate directions

- 9.** What do we call a drawing that shows the rooms of a building from above?
- (A) a floor plan
 - (B) a weather map
 - (C) an atlas
 - (D) a globe
- 11.** What do we call a round model of the Earth?
- (A) a chart
 - (B) a graph
 - (C) a globe
 - (D) a map
- 13.** What do we call a map that shows mountains, rivers, and landforms?
- (A) a road map
 - (B) a political map
 - (C) a physical map
 - (D) a star map
- 10.** On a map, what does a small picture of a tent usually show?
- (A) an airport
 - (B) a campsite
 - (C) a hospital
 - (D) a school
- 12.** What do we call the point at the very top of the Earth?
- (A) the South Pole
 - (B) the Prime Meridian
 - (C) the equator
 - (D) the North Pole
- 14.** What color is often used for forests and parks on a map?
- (A) green
 - (B) blue
 - (C) red
 - (D) yellow

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Answer: (A) green