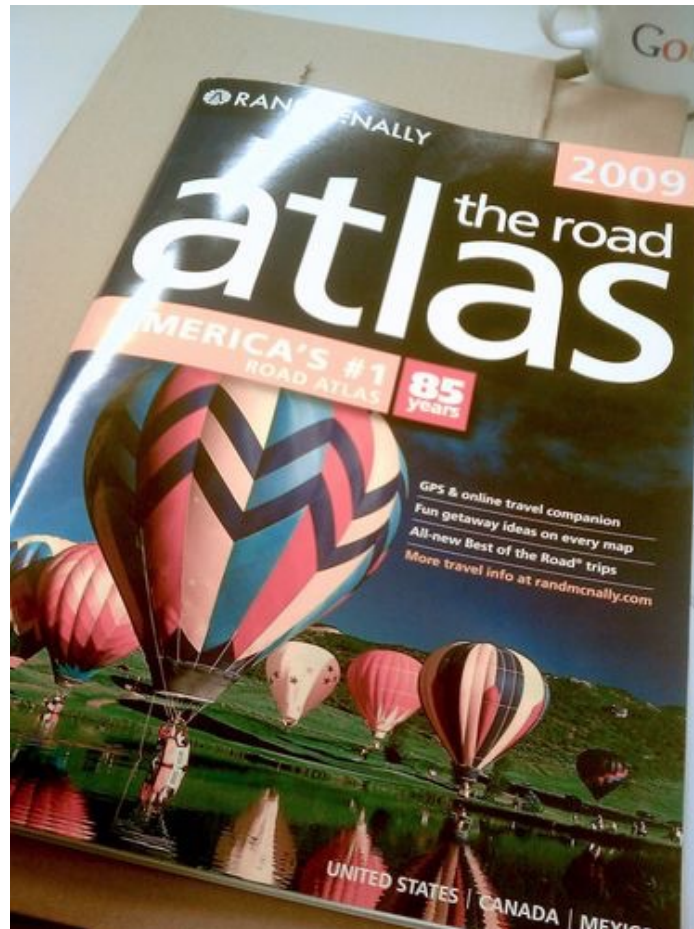


# Finding Grandpa's House

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Shanti and her father were going to visit Grandpa. Shanti saw a book in the car.

"What is this?" she asked.

"It is a road atlas. That is another name for a book of maps," said Shanti's dad. "It helps us get places."

"And what is this?" Shanti asked. She showed him a bunch of upside-down Vs on one map.

Shanti's dad smiled. "That is a symbol. If you do not know what one means, look around on the map." Dad put a finger on a white box in the corner of the page. It was labeled legend.

"Maps include information boxes called legends," he explained. "This legend says that upside down Vs represent hills."

Next, Shanti's dad showed her a line marked "Grove Road."

"That is our street!" cried Shanti.

"Exactly," her dad replied, and pointed to another street. "And here is where Grandpa lives."

"May I use the map to tell you how to get to Grandpa's house?"

"Sure. Let's see if you can read a map."

Shanti's dad started driving. She studied the map and told him when to turn left or right. Dad followed her directions until they made it to Grandpa's house.

"Good job," Shanti's dad said to her. "You are an excellent map reader!"

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1. Whom are Shanti and her father going to visit?

- A. Grandma and Grandpa
- B. Grandpa
- C. Grandma

2. When in the story do Shanti and her father make it to Grandpa's house?

- A. at the end of the story
- B. at the beginning of the story
- C. in the middle of the story

3. Read these sentences from the story.

"'Good job,' Shanti's dad said to her. 'You are an excellent map reader!'"

What evidence from the story supports the idea that Shanti is an excellent map reader?

- A. "Shanti's dad started driving. She studied the map and told him when to turn left or right. Dad followed her directions until they made it to Grandpa's house."
- B. "Shanti's dad smiled. 'That is a symbol. If you do not know what one means, look around on the map.' Dad put a finger on a white box in the corner of the page. It was labeled legend."
- C. "Shanti and her father were going to visit Grandpa. Shanti saw a book in the car."

4. An upside-down V is the symbol of a hill on the map. Based on the information in the story, what is probably the symbol of a street?

- A. a circle
- B. a line
- C. a right-side up V

5. What is the main idea of this story?

- A. Maps can help people get places.
- B. Maps include information boxes called legends.
- C. Legends can help people figure out what the symbols on a map mean.

6. Read these paragraphs from the story.

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Based on these paragraphs, what does the word "symbol" mean?

- A. an information box that explains what something means
- B. a sign used to show people something
- C. a book that helps people get places

7. Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

Shanti does not know what the upside-down Vs on the map are, \_\_\_\_\_ she asks her father.

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

8. What are information boxes on a map called?

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**9.** According to the story, what do maps help people do?

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**10.** How can a map help people get somewhere? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

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