

# The Difference Between Maps and Globes

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Where are you? Maps and globes can help you answer that question. But maps and globes are different. Maps are flat. Globes are round.

A map is a flat picture of a place. A map is easy to carry. You can

fold a map and put it in your pocket.

A globe is a big round ball that shows you the world. You can spin a globe around.

Maps let you see all the places in the world at the same time.

Globes give you a better picture of what our round planet looks like from space. Maps and globes help you see the world in different ways!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the same about both maps and globes?

- A. They can be folded and put in your pocket.
- B. They help you see the world.
- C. They show you what our planet looks like from space.

2. This passage compares maps and globes. Which of the two is big and round like a ball?

- A. a map
- B. a globe
- C. both maps and globes

3. Round globes are better at showing the shape of a place, but flat maps are better at showing all the places in the world at the same time. Which part of the passage tells us that this is true?

- A. "Maps are flat. Globes are round."
- B. "Maps let you see all the places in the world at the same time. Globes give you a better picture of what our round planet looks like from space."
- C. "Maps and globes help you see the world in different ways."

4. What is "The Difference Between Maps and Globes" mainly about?

- A. how to use maps and globes to find places on Earth
- B. the similarities and differences between maps and globes
- C. what the world looks like from space

5. What do we call a flat picture that is easy to carry and lets you see all the places in the world at the same time?

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6. What did you learn from "The Difference Between Maps and Globes"?

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7. **Class Discussion Question:** If you wanted to know what shape the country Greenland is, would you look for it on a globe or a map? Please explain your thinking.

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8. Draw a picture of a *world* map.