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| Absolute location | The exact position of a place on the earth's surface. |
| Cardinal directions | North, south, east, & west |
| Cartographer | Mapmaker |
| Compass rose | A symbol on a map that shows direction. |
| Coordinates | Numbers that give an absolute location of a place. |
| Equator | An imaginary line that circles Earth halfway between the North and South poles. |
| Globe | A sphere on which a map (especially of the earth) is represented. |
| Hemispheres | Halves of the globe divided by the equator and prime meridian. |
| Latitude | Imaginary lines that go side to side around the Earth to measure distance north or south of the equator. |
| Longitude | Imaginary lines that go up and down around the Earth to measure distance east or west of the prime meridian. |
| Map Legend | Lists and explains the symbols and colors used on a map. |
| Map Key | Tells you what each symbol on a map stands for. |
| Political map | A map that shows all the boundaries of nations and other political units. |
| Physical map | A map showing the Earth's physical features such as landforms and elevations. |
| Prime Meridian | The middle line of longitude, measuring 0 and dividing the globe into E / W hemispheres. |
| Scale | The ratio between the size of something and a representation of it. |
| Bay | An indentation of a shoreline larger than a cove but smaller than a gulf. |
| Canyon | A deep, narrow valley with steep sides. |
| Cliff | Steep, high wall of rock, earth, or ice. |
| Continent | One of the large landmasses of the earth. |
| Delta | A low triangular area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water. |
| Gulf | A portion of an ocean or sea partly enclosed by land. |
| Island | A land area, smaller than a continent, completely surrounded by water. |
| Lake | A body of water completely surrounded by land. |
| Mountain | A land mass that projects well above its surroundings. |
| Mountain range | A group of connected mountains. |
| Ocean | A large body of salt water. |
| Peninsula | A large mass of land projecting into a body of water. |
| Plain | A large area of flat or gently rolling land. |
| Plateau | Flat land on top of a hill or mountain. |
| Relief | Elevation of a land surface. |
| River | Large natural stream of water that runs through the land. |
| Sea | Large body of water completely or partly surrounded by land. |
| Valley | Area of low land between hills or mountains. |
| Volcano | A mountain formed by volcanic material. |