

# Map Skills Scavenger Hunt



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# Directions for Map Skills Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt reviews and practices map skills vocabulary and terms.

A bioglyph to practice directions and compass rose is included.

1. Print the Map Skills Scavenger Hunt cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.
2. Make copies of the Map Skills Scavenger Hunt questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student needs a copy.
3. Place the Map Skills Scavenger Hunt cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the back of your classroom door, on the sides of student desks, on the chalkboard, or wherever you like.
4. Students have to search the room and find all of the sentence cards to answer the questions. You can differentiate by having students work alone or with a classmate.

With the Scavenger Hunt game I have the students complete it as part of a rotation during reading groups. I only have 4 or 5 students walking around with clipboards to locate the sentence cards and write their answers. Students needing extra support can be paired with a partner for this activity. I have also done similar activities with the whole class or as a filler for early finishers, especially if you made the cards a little bit tricky to find. My students enjoy this activity.

# Map Skills Scavenger Hunt



**Card 1:** What is a **map**?

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**Card 2:** What is a **globe**?

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**Card 3:** What does a **compass rose** show?

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**Card 4:** What is a **key**?

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**Card 5:** Name the **intermediate directions**.

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**Card 6:** Why is a **scale** included on a map?

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**Card 7:** What **hemisphere** includes all of Antarctica?

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**Card 8:** What does the **equator** do?

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**Card 9:** Lines of **latitude** measure distances \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the equator.

**Card 10:** Lines of \_\_\_\_\_ measure distances east and west of the Prime Meridian.

**Card 11:** Times zones use which type of line?

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**Card 12:** How is a **grid map** used?

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**Card 13:** Which direction would you travel to go from Houston to Washington DC?

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**Card 14:** Which direction would you travel to go from Portland to Houston?

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**Card 15:** What is the location of the green triangle?

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**Card 16:** What is the location of the smile face?

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**Card 17:** What is a continent?

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**Card 18:** Which continent is pictured?

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**Card 19:** Which continent is pictured?

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**Card 20:** Which continent is pictured?

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### Card 1

A **map** is a drawing that shows what an area looks like from above.



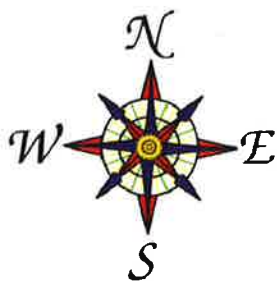
### Card 2

A **globe** is a three dimensional model of the Earth. This globe shows the western hemisphere.



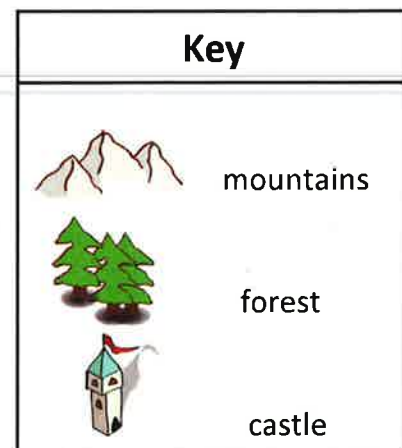
### Card 3

A **compass rose** is a drawing that helps you find directions on a map. North, south, east, and west are known as the **cardinal directions**.



### Card 4

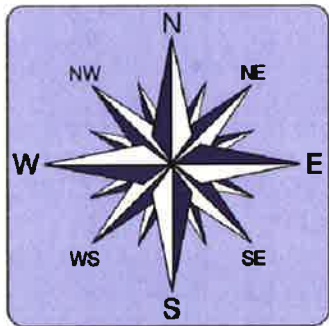
A **key** is a map feature that shows the symbols used on a map.



### Card 5

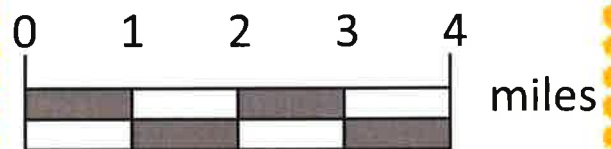
**Intermediate directions** are the in-between directions.

They include northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest.



### Card 6

**Scale** shows distance on a map. Each mile in real life is shown as  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch on a map with this scale.



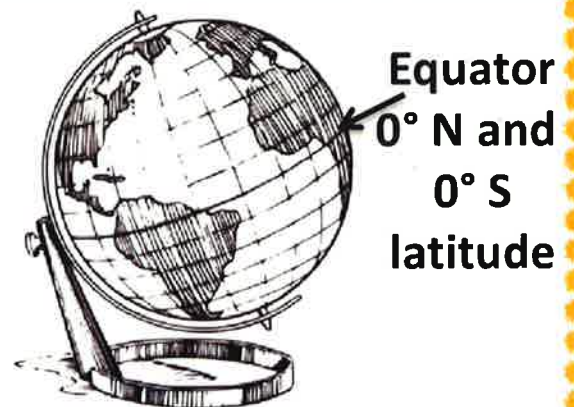
### Card 7

A **hemisphere** is half the Earth. This map shows Earth's southern hemisphere.



### Card 8

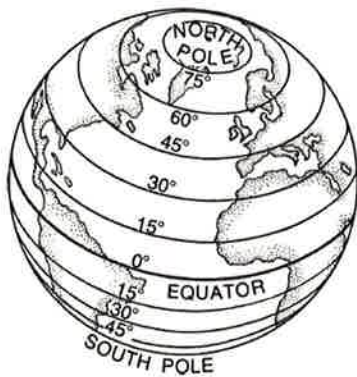
The **equator** is a special line drawn on maps and globes. The equator divides the Earth into the northern and southern hemisphere.





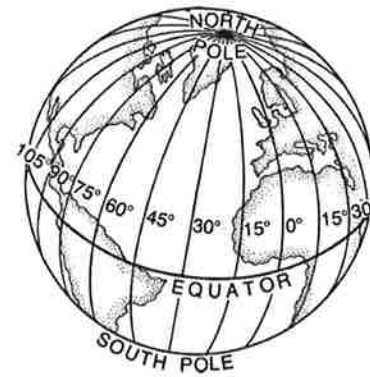
### Card 9

Lines of **latitude** show distances north and south of the equator.



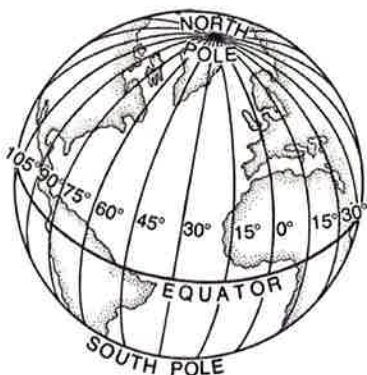
### Card 10

Lines of **longitude** show distances east and west of the Prime Meridian, which runs through Greenwich, England.



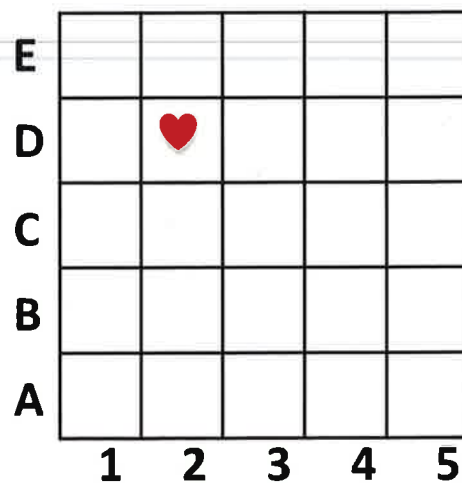
### Card 11

**Time zones** change approximately every 15° of longitude. Each new day starts at the International Date Line.




### Card 12

A **grid map** shows location using a label set of intersecting lines. The heart is located in square 2D.




Card 13



- ★ Washington DC
  - Houston, Texas
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Card 14



- Portland, OR
  - Houston, TX
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Card 15

E	♥				
D				▲	
C		★			
B		😊			
A				☾	
	1	2	3	4	5

Card 16

E	♥				
D				▲	
C		★			
B		😊			
A				☾	
	1	2	3	4	5



### Card 17

The seven largest land areas on Earth are called **continents**. The continents are North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica.



### Card 18



### Card 19



### Card 20

