

Canonbury Home Learning

Year 2 Topic

Lesson 3

Why do we need map symbols?

To devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key

For hundreds of years maps have helped people travel from one place to another. **Maps are drawings of actual landscapes and places** that use lines and symbols to represent real-life objects like roads, fields and buildings. There are many different types of maps, from simple sketch maps that you can draw yourself, to road maps, to the very detailed Ordnance Survey (OS) maps of Great Britain.

A sketch map is an outline map drawn from observation rather than from exact measurements and **showing only the main features of the area**. It is a roughly drawn map that shows only basic details.

Success Criteria:

1. Read the information above about maps
2. Study both the map showing Our Local Area, and the sketch map representing it
3. Draw your own sketch map for Our Local Area (using the map on this sheet)
4. Create a key to help people identify different places on your sketch map
5. Answer the question: <i>Why do we need map symbols?</i>

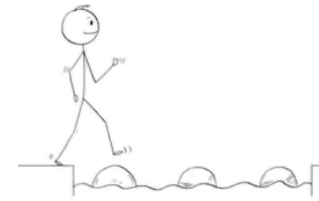
My Local Area





Instructions:

1. Use a ruler to draw a column on the far right side of your page to have space for your key
2. Give your sketch map a title
3. Roughly sketch the outline of the roads, using the map above
4. Add detail, including local points of interest (for example; Canonbury Primary School, The Union Chapel, Highbury and Islington Station)
5. Create your map symbols and put them in your key
6. Add the map symbols onto your sketch map
7. Colour your sketch map to show what the different buildings or places on the map are
8. Answer the Big Question (in a full sentence!) **Why do we need map symbols?**



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My Local Area





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1. Use a ruler to draw a column on the far right side of your page to have space for your key
2. Give your sketch map a title: My Local Area
3. Roughly sketch the outline of the roads, using the map above
4. Create map symbols and put them in your key (feel free to use mine!)
5. Add the map symbols onto your sketch map
6. Colour your sketch map to show what the different buildings or places on the map are