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Meaning of *map* in English



map

noun [C]

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a drawing of the earth's surface, or part of that surface, showing the shape and position of different countries, political borders, natural features such as rivers and mountains, and artificial features such as roads and buildings:

- a *map of the world*
- a *map of Paris*
- a **road map**
- *We need a large-scale map showing all the trails that we can walk on.*
- *I'm terrible at map **reading** (= understanding maps).*



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a drawing that gives you a particular type of information about a particular area:

- *He bought a map showing the population distribution of Scotland.*

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something that shows the position of stars in the sky or the features on the surface of planets:

- *a celestial map*
- *a map of Mars*



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a very simple drawing that shows a direction of travel between one place and another:

- *I'll draw you a quick map if you're worried about finding the hotel.*



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- *I'm not quite sure how to get there - I'd better consult a map.*
- *This map has contours marked at 250-metre intervals.*
- *Let's aim for Coventry first, and then we'll have a look at the map.*
- *On this map, demarcations between regions are shown with dotted lines.*

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put something/someone on the map



map

verb [T]

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to represent an area of land in the form of a map:

- *Parts of the mountainous region in the north of the country have still not been mapped.*



to represent how the parts of something are organized or arranged:

- *The first human genome was mapped in 2003.*










to connect a set of values to another similar set, using a particular method or rule:

- *The motherboard is responsible for decoding the virtual addresses and mapping them to physical addresses.*
- *The findings suggest that children learn these words and map them **onto** concepts already present.*

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Phrasal verb

map something out

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a drawing that represents a region or place by showing the various features of it, such as rivers and roads, and the distances between them, so that people can get help in finding their way from one place to another:

- *a map of California*
- *a New York City subway map*
- *According to this road map, it's 740 miles from Charlotte, North Carolina to Miami, Florida.*








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to draw a representation of a place:

- *Archaeologists have mapped the old Roman city using aerial photography.*

Phrasal verb

map something out

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map

noun [C] • GRAPHS & CHARTS

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a drawing of the Earth's surface, or part of it, showing things such as the shape and position of countries, political borders, towns, rivers, etc.:

- **on a map** *Many of these students could not even find their own country on a map.*
- *a map of Canada/the world/Europe*



a drawing that gives you a particular type of information about a particular area:

- *This is a map of the building showing where the fire extinguishers are located.*
- *You can use the **interactive map** to find our franchises nationwide.*
- *The carbon map was designed so cities could better analyse their overall carbon footprint.*



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