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Introduction

The old adage "practice makes perfect" can really hold true for children and their education. The more practice a child has with concepts taught in school, the more success they are likely to find. For many parents, knowing how to support their child's learning can be frustrating. This book is designed to eliminate the guesswork for parents practicing mapping skills at home while also being a valuable resource for educators using it in the classroom.

Here's how: A map is a smaller version of the real world. Maps help us know where places or objects are located. Grade 2 students need a certain set of skills to interpret maps. *Practice Makes Perfect: Map Skills for Grade 2* covers the following concepts:

- using a compass rose
- using cardinal directions (*north, east, south, west)*
- using a map key or legend
- identifying symbols
- using different types of maps (physical, political, and thematic)
- finding locations of people, places, and environments
- using a letter/number grid
- finding and marking coordinates
- identifing road signs and recreation signs
- labeling a map of North America
- identifying Earth's continents and oceans
- identifying and comparing rural, urban, and suburban areas
- identifying one's home continent, state, or province
- using a map scale to measure distances

Inside This Resource

Practice Pages (pages 4–39)—There are 36 practice pages organized sequentially so that children can build their knowledge toward higher-level map-reading skills.

Cumulative Review (pages 40–45)—These 6 practice tests are given in a multiple-choice format designed to prepare students for the standardized tests administered in schools.

Answer Sheet (page 46)—The optional answer sheet provides a similar format to those found on standardized tests. This "bubble-in" answer sheet can be used in the classroom or at home.

Answer Key (pages 47–48)—The comprehensive answer key provides the answers for the practice pages and the practice tests.

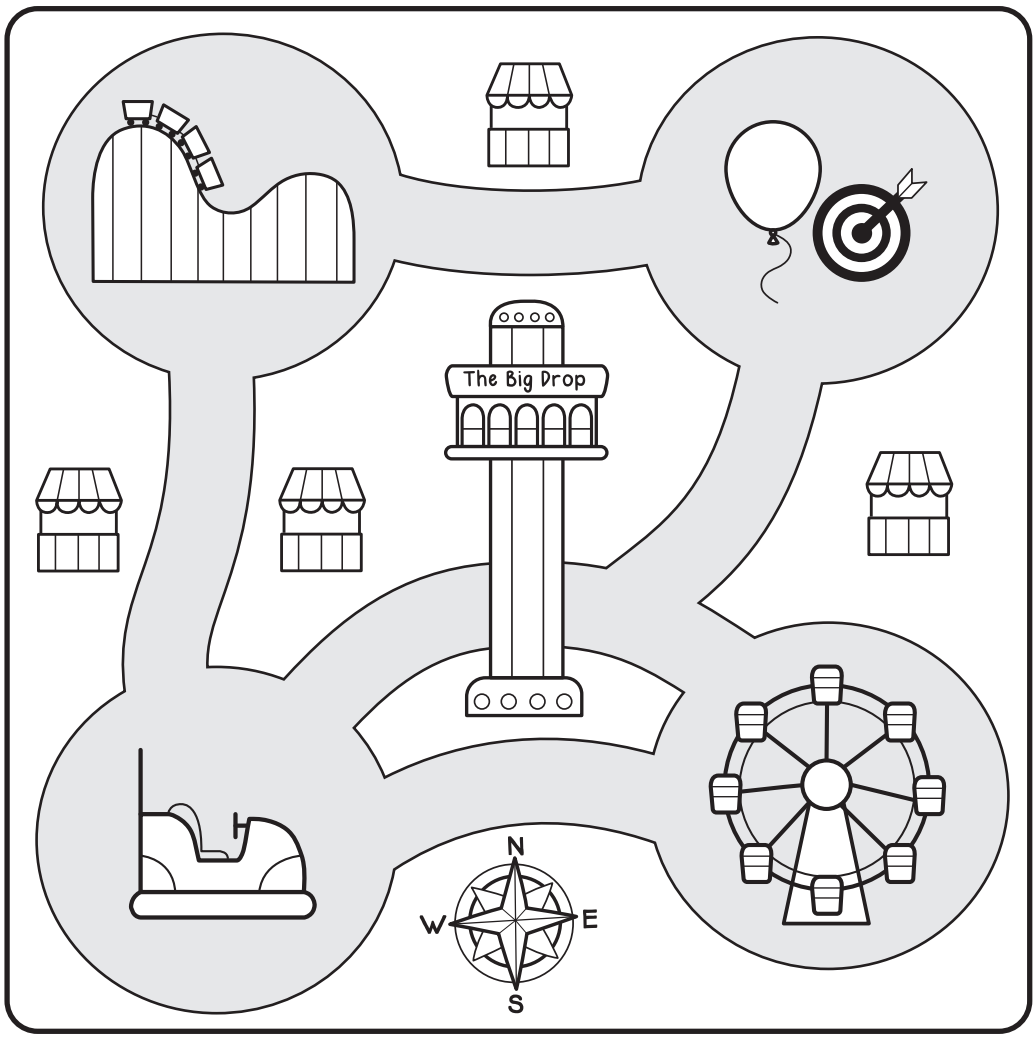
Helpful Hints

- Keep practice sessions short, positive, and constructive.
- Help with instructions. Consider asking your child to underline new words in order to help them with new concepts.
- Work with your young learner to understand maps and to connect them to everyday life. Do you use maps on your phone or in your car? What about when you go to a new restaurant or on a trip?
- Look for ways to apply map skills to real-life situations. Map a room in your house together or figure out directions to other homes or businesses.

Name: _____

The word **legend** can be used as a title for a map key.

Use the legend to help you answer questions about the map.

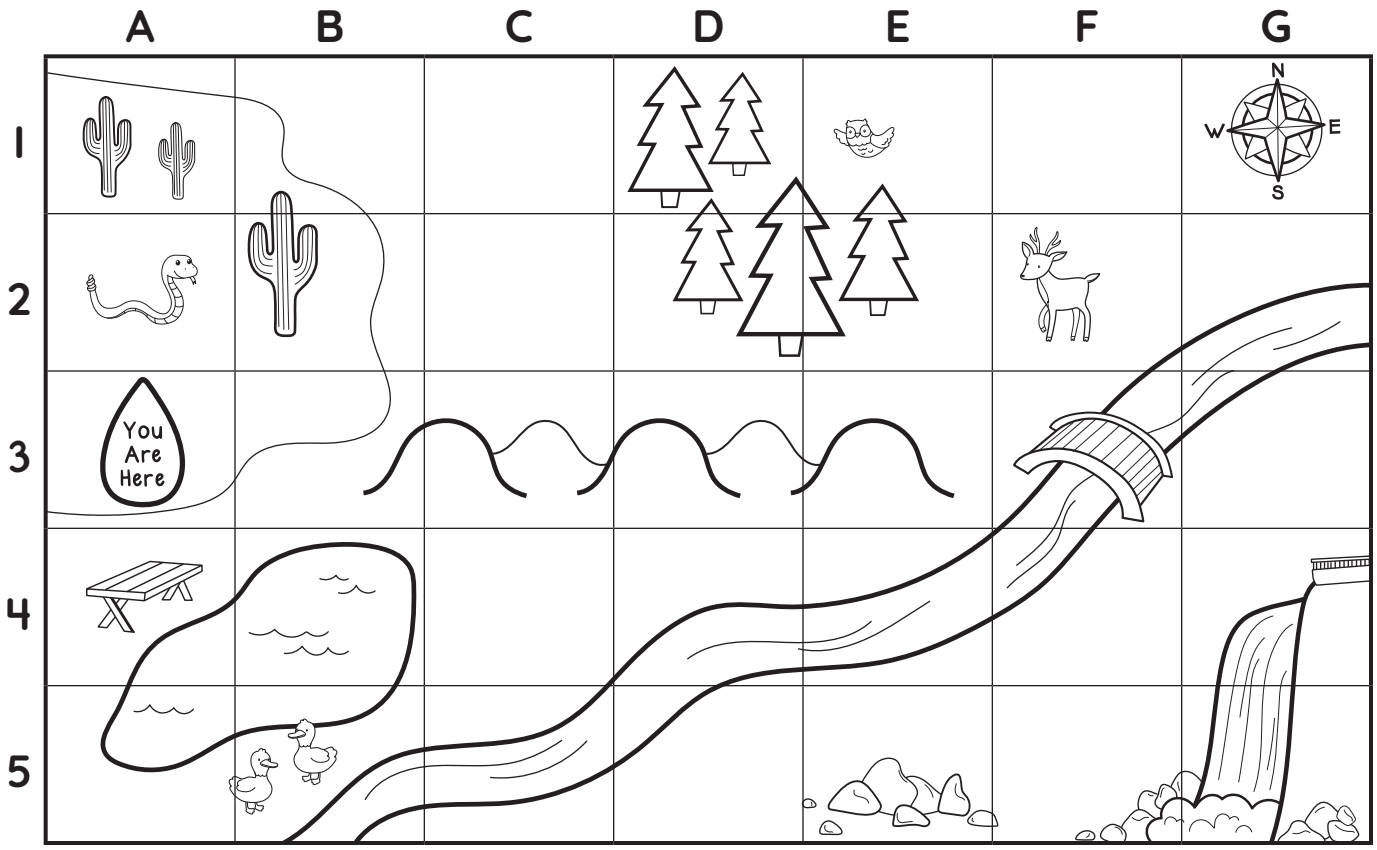


Legend

- Ferris Wheel
- Food Stand
- Roller Coaster
- Bumper Cars
- Big Drop
- Arcade

1. Which ride is south of the arcade? _____
2. How many food stands are there at the amusement park? _____
3. Which ride is west of the Ferris wheel? _____
4. Which ride is north of the bumper cars? _____

Name: _____



Hiking to the Waterfall

Start at the "You Are Here" icon. Use the coordinates to travel from the desert to the waterfall. Trace your path as you go. Color the map.

Map Key	
Bridge	
Desert	
River	
Forest	
Hills	
Lake	
Rocks	
Waterfall	

1. What are the coordinates for the "You Are Here" icon?

   (_____ , _____)

2. Travel to coordinate (B, 2). Where are you? _____

3. Go over to (D, 2). Where are you? _____

4. Now travel to (F, 3). What are you walking on?

   _____

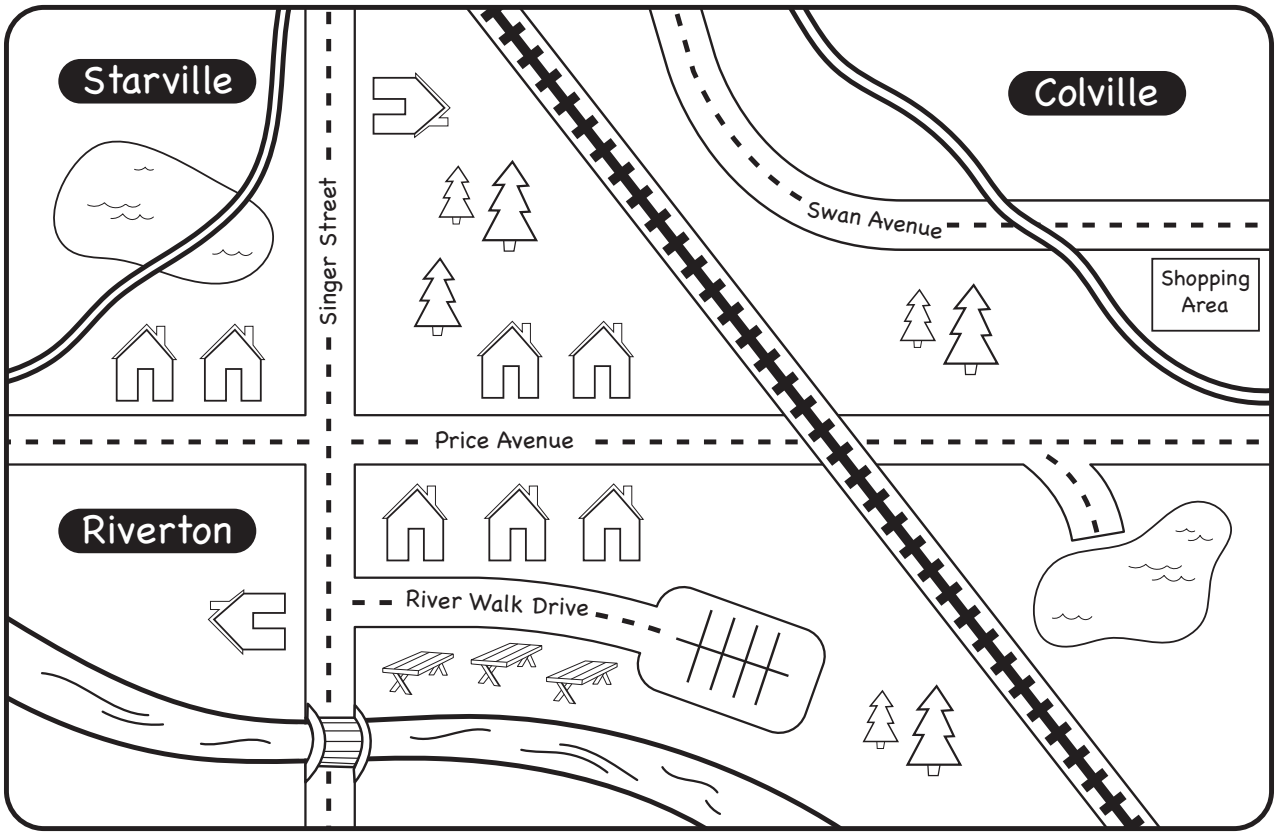
5. Hike to (E, 5). What must you climb over? _____

6. Go to (G, 4). Are you at the top or bottom of the waterfall?

   _____

Name: _____

Lines on maps can show boundaries between towns, cities, states, and countries. They can also show streets, rivers, lakes, and railroad tracks.



Use the Map Key to color the map lines and answer the questions.

Map Key

boundary lines	
railroad	
road	
river	

1. Color the boundary lines between the three towns black. Name the towns.

_____

2. Color the railroad track brown. In which town is the railroad track?

_____

3. Color the river blue. Which street crosses over the river?

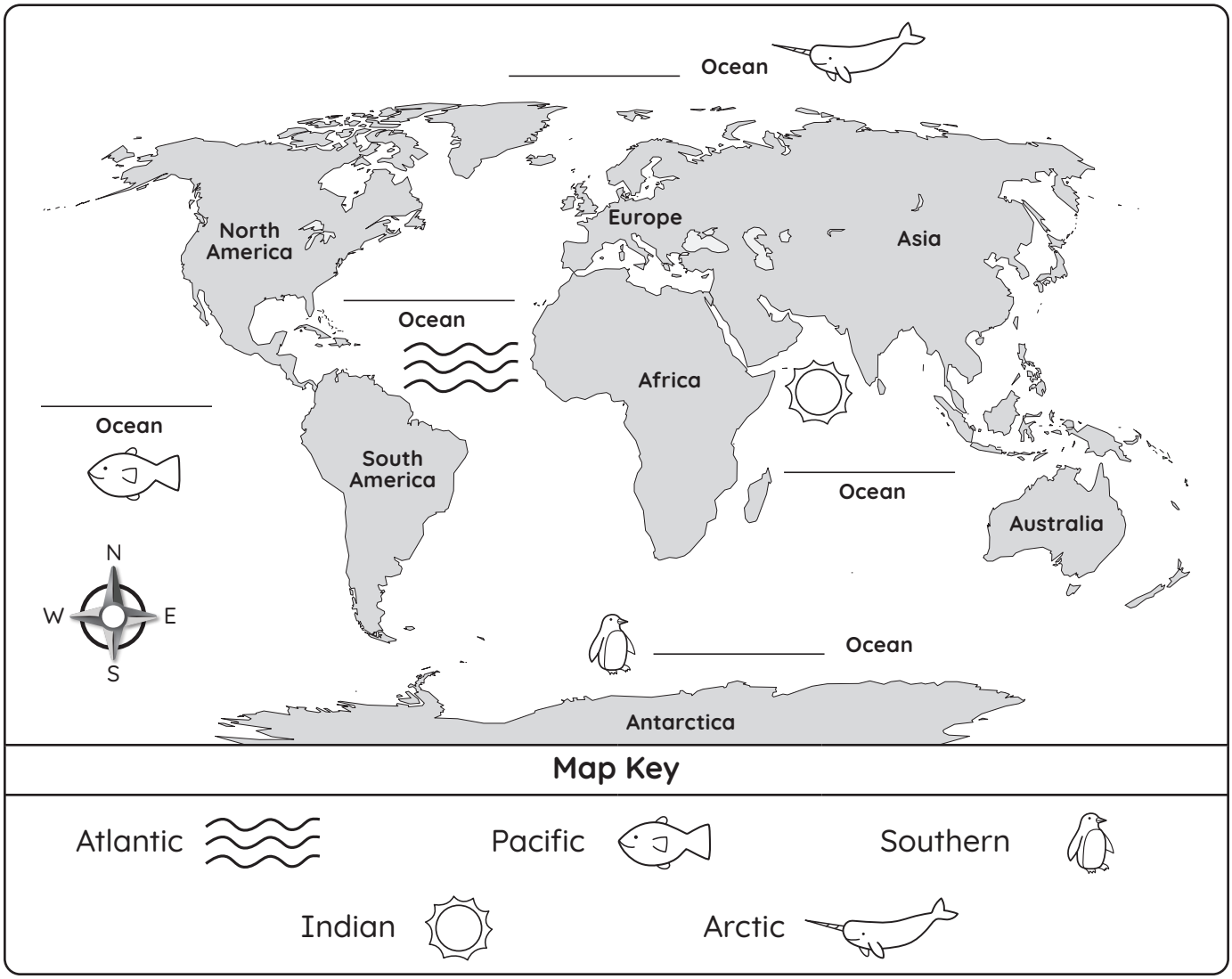
_____

4. Color the roads gray. Which road crosses the railroad tracks?

_____

Name: _____

Use the map key to help you label the names of the five oceans of the world.

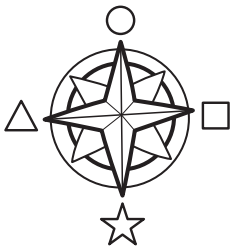


1. Which ocean do you live closest to? _____
2. Which ocean is the farthest south on the map? _____
3. Which ocean is the farthest west on the map? _____
4. Which ocean is to the east of the United States? _____
5. Name three continents with coasts on the Indian Ocean.

_____ _____ _____

Name: _____

1. Which shape is east?



Ⓐ star
Ⓑ triangle
Ⓒ square
Ⓓ circle

2. Which symbol most likely represents an airport?

Ⓐ
Ⓑ
Ⓒ
Ⓓ

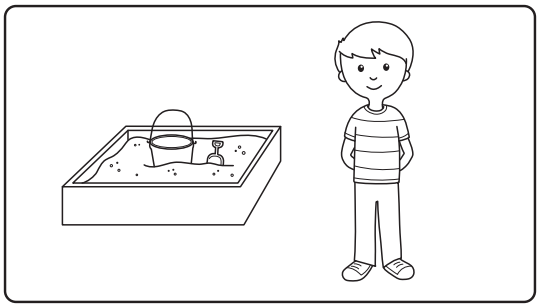
3. What is located west of the house?

Ⓐ street
Ⓑ tree
Ⓒ garden
Ⓓ mailbox

4. What would be the best symbol for a park?

Ⓐ a car
Ⓑ a mountain
Ⓒ a tree
Ⓓ a telephone

5. The boy is _____ the sandbox.



Ⓐ beside
Ⓑ between
Ⓒ on
Ⓓ in

6. Which sign means Railroad Crossing?

Ⓐ
Ⓑ

Ⓒ
Ⓓ