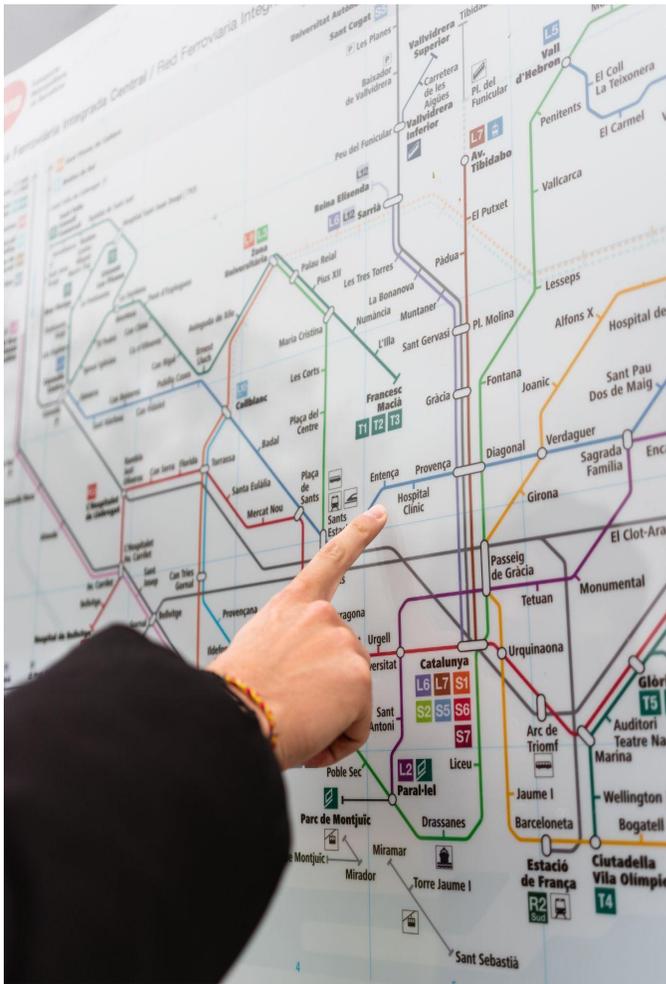


A vintage world map with a compass rose overlaid on the right side. The map is a historical projection, likely a Mercator or similar, showing continents and oceans with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The compass rose is a circular instrument with a needle and a scale of degrees, positioned in the upper right quadrant of the map. The overall tone is sepia and aged.

Maps

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This is a map of a subway.
A map is a drawing that can help you find places.
Have you ever seen a map like this?



Maps used to be made out of paper.
A book of maps is called an atlas.
Today, many people use maps on their phone.



Maps are not the same as photos.
Look at this photo of Paris, France.



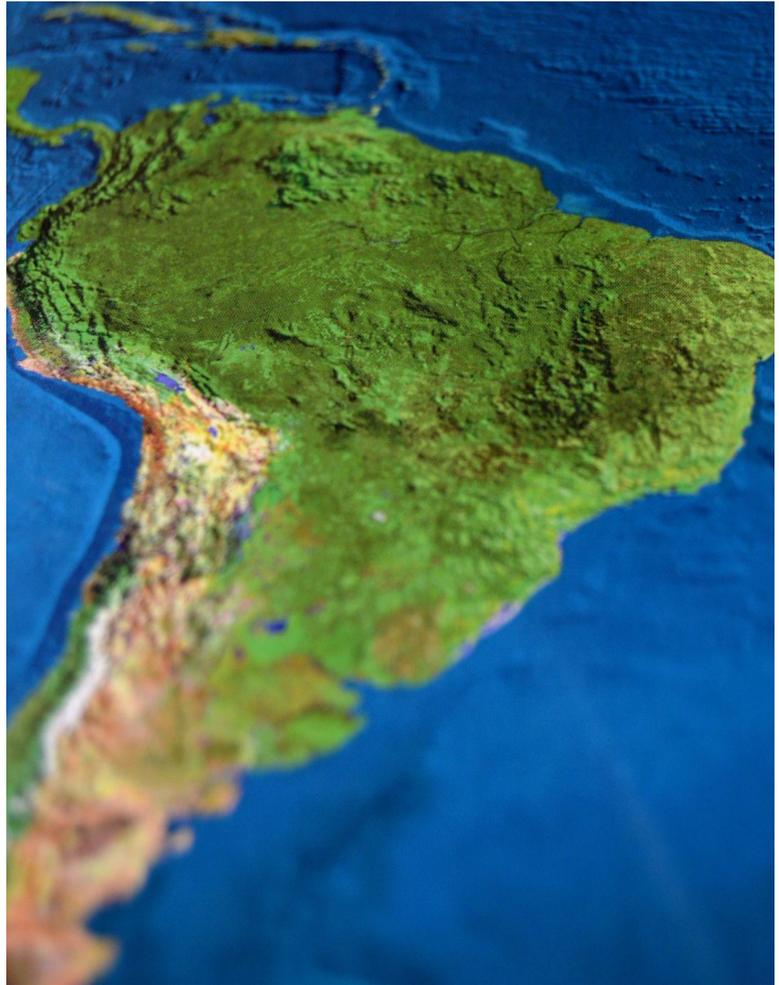
Now look at the map.
What do you see?

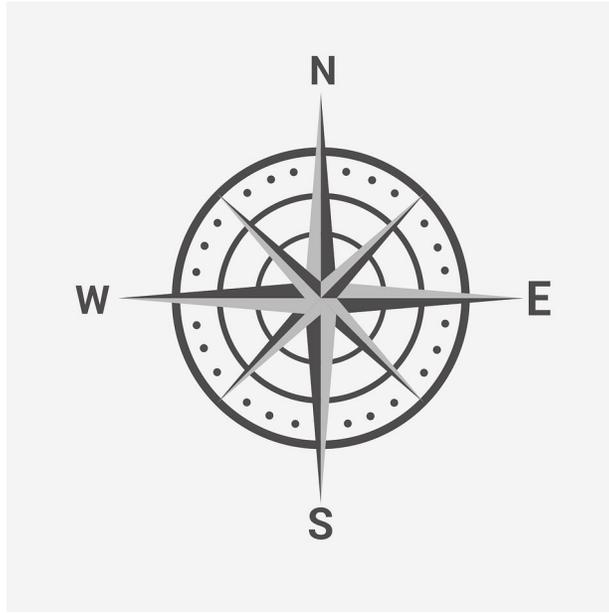
Colors on maps have meanings.

Blue means water, like an ocean or a river.

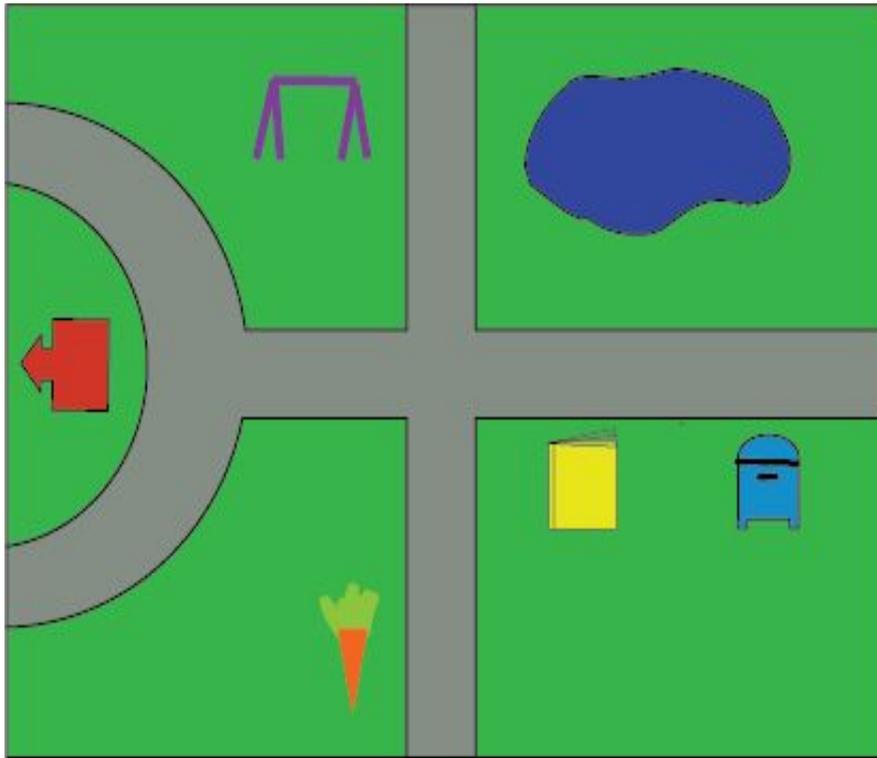
Where is the water on this map?

Where is the land?





A map uses a **compass** to show directions.
The top of the compass points north.
The bottom points south.
West is to the left and east is to the right.



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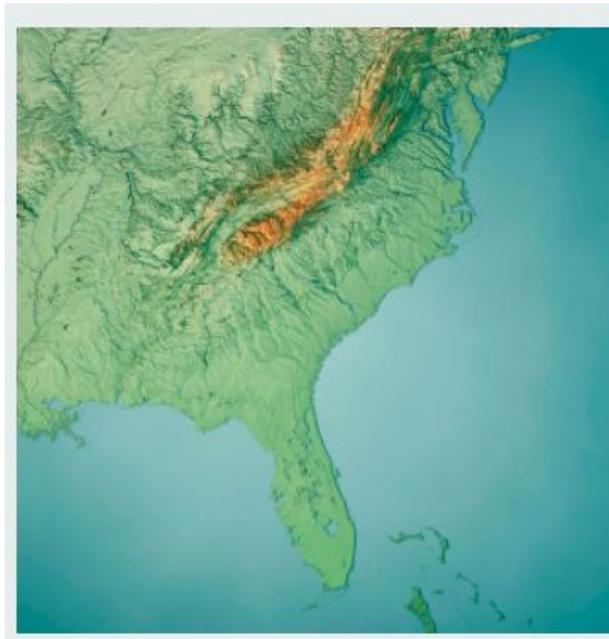
-  Post Office
-  School
-  Playground
-  Grocery Store
-  Library
-  Pond

Some maps use symbols.

A **legend** tells what the symbols mean.

Find the legend for this map.

What is the symbol for the library? Can you find the library on the map?



Maps can also show **landforms**.

This map has rivers, mountains, and an ocean.

How can you tell where the mountains are?

Purple level
Multisyllabic Words
Two syllable words

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