

Map symbols and map keys

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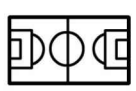

You follow a certain route to and from school each day. You usually take the shortest route, based on the fact that you know the area well. In a place you do not well, you might not know the quickest or safest route and you could get lost. Using a current map of the area will help you find the shortest or best route to your destination.

A map gives us a bird's eye view of an area.

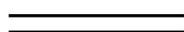
There is not enough room to write long names or explanations on maps, so drawings and lines are used instead. These are called map symbols and their meanings are explained in a box which appears alongside the map. This is called the map key. The symbols used to depict a specific place are usually logical and make it easy for us to recognise the type of place. Look at the symbol examples in the first column and see if you can figure out what each symbol refers to, by matching it to the correct description in the second Column B.

Activity 1

Match the symbols in column A with the right explanation in column B.

1. 	A. Church
2. 	B. Shop
3. 	C. Hospital
4. 	D. Parking
5. 	E. Soccer Field

Maps use the same symbols for the same things, so that people don't get confused. Look at these symbols used on South African maps.



Road



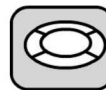
River



Park



School



Stadium



Bridge



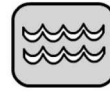
Parking



Hospital



Police



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Activity 2

Refer back to side and plan views section, to the plan view you drew of your class in your class workbook. Draw a map key for that map.