

# Steps through Learning Geography: Map Makers

Vocabulary that I will learn and use during this unit of work

compass      direction  
map   north, south, east, west  
aerial view   birds-eye view  
plan perspective

symbol   key

physical feature  
human feature

Sticky knowledge about map making

A **compass** shows you which **direction** you are travelling in and helps you find your way.

A compass is used to position and use a **map** accurately. It has four main points - **north, south, east, west**.

Maps are usually drawn from an **aerial view**. We can look at aerial photographs to see physical and human features of places.

An aerial view is a view from above, also called a **birds-eye view**.

A map uses **symbols** to represent real life objects.

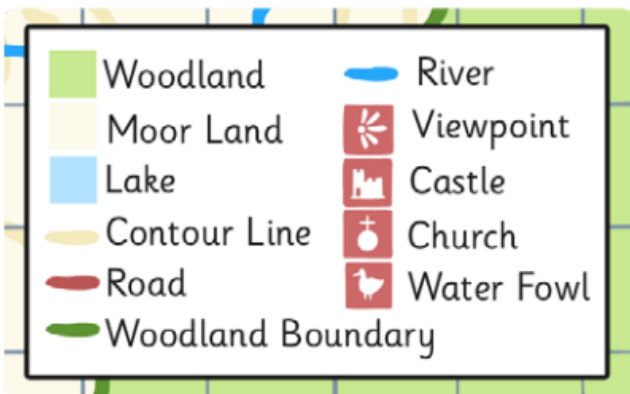
The symbols are listed in a **key**.

A **physical feature** has been formed by nature - a river, lake, mountain.

A **human feature** has been made or changed by humans - a bridge, building or wall.

Did you know....

A map maker is called a cartographer.  
The oldest maps were tablets of clay.  
Maps cannot possibly show everything.  
They are drawn to scale.



People use a **compass** to help them position and use a map accurately. The main points of a **compass** are north, south, east and west.

