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HOW TO USE THE ATLAS

An atlas is a book of maps. This atlas is divided into 13 different regions that make up our planet. The world's oceans and continents are marked on the maps, and important cities, rivers and mountains are there too. The tiny pictures dotted across the pages highlight special features, such as the animals, crops, industries and culture found in each country.

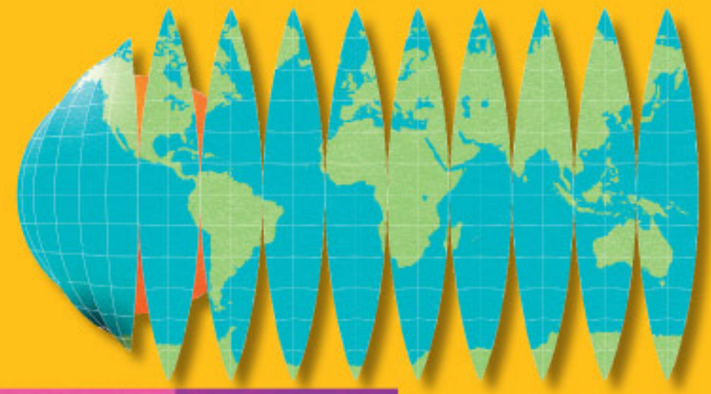


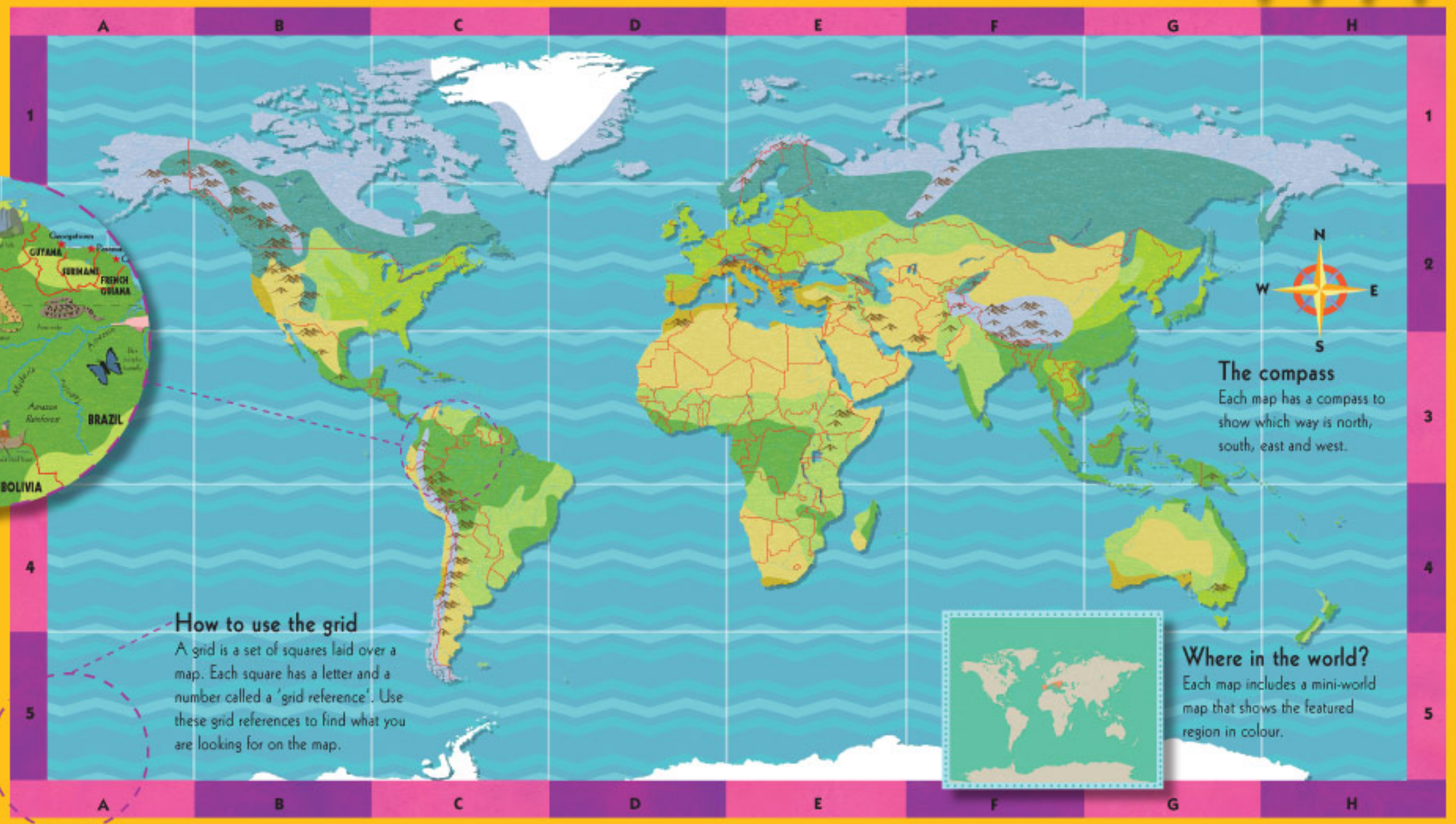
Passport

After you have visited each continent, complete the quizzes on the matching pages of your passport, and add your visa sticker.

How a world map is made

Maps are flat, but Earth is round like a ball. To create a flat map, imagine you could peel off the surface of the world, like peeling an orange. Lay the pieces out flat, pressing them out so they join up as much as possible. Mapmakers do something like this to create a flat map of the world.





Key to the maps

- Capital cities
- Important cities
- Rivers
- Mountains
- Country borders

Postcards

Don't forget to write home! There are six postcards to help you. They are already partly written – all you have to do is fill in the missing words.

How to use the grid

A grid is a set of squares laid over a map. Each square has a letter and a number called a 'grid reference'. Use these grid references to find what you are looking for on the map.

The compass

Each map has a compass to show which way is north, south, east and west.

Where in the world?

Each map includes a mini-world map that shows the featured region in colour.

Key to biomes

A biome is a combination of the climate, vegetation and wildlife found in a particular region.

- Snow & Ice
- Alpine & Tundra
- Coniferous Forest
- Rainforest
- Deciduous Forest
- Grassland/Savannah
- Mediterranean
- Desert & Semi-desert

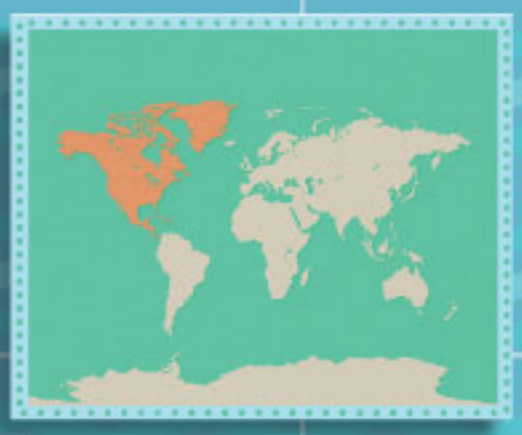


Stickers

The maps won't be complete until you have added the stickers, so find the right ones for each page and press them down into the spaces left for them.

NORTH AMERICA

North America stretches from the icy Arctic Ocean in the north to the tropical Caribbean in the south. Mountains run all the way down the western coast, from the snow-capped Rocky Mountains to the rugged peaks and deserts of Mexico. Thick forests cover half of Canada, where winters are cold with deep snow. In the United States, wide plains called prairies sweep eastward from the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Here, farmers grow crops and graze cattle.





Protecting Nature

The world's first national park opened in the United States over 140 years ago to protect the landscape, plants and animals there. There are now over 100 national parks and reserves across North America.



Killer whale

N W E S

Arctic Ocean

Greenland (Denmark)

Inuit

Baffin Island

Atlantic cod

Alaska

Yukon

Mount McKinley

Grizzly bear

Mackenzie

Great Slave Lake

Moose

Hawaii

Honolulu

Skiing and snowboarding

Totem pole

Rocky Mountains

Ice hockey

Hudson Bay

Forestry

Maple syrup

CANADA

Beaver

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Vancouver

Winnipeg

Lake Superior

St Lawrence

CN Tower

Montreal

Toronto

Ottawa

Redwood

Missouri

Great Plains

Cattle

Car production

Great Lakes

New York

Golden Gate Bridge

Atlantic Ocean

Great Basin Desert

Mount Rushmore

Chicago

Statue of Liberty

San Francisco

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Old Faithful

Niagara Falls

Washington DC

Colorado

Rio Grande

Mississippi

Baseball

Grand Canyon

Los Angeles

Oil fields

Football

The White House

Kennedy Space Center

Pacific Ocean

Fracking

New Orleans

Alligator

PUERTO RICO

THE BAHAMAS

Cactus

Rattlesnake

Tropic of Cancer

Gulf of Mexico

Nassau

Havana

MEXICO

Caribbean Sea

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

HAITI

CUBA

Scuba diving

Burro

Chichén Itzá

JAMAICA

San Juan

Belmopan

Santo Domingo

Mexico City

GUATEMALA

BELIZE

HONDURAS

Port-au-Prince

Kingston

Guatemala City

Tegucigalpa

NICARAGUA

San Salvador

Managua

EL SALVADOR

San José

Panama City

COSTA RICA

PANAMA

Cargo ship

West Indies

St Kitts and Nevis

Antigua and Barbuda

Dominica

St Lucia

St Vincent and the Grenadines

Barbados

Grenada

Trinidad and Tobago

FACT FILE

Longest mountain range Rocky Mountains

Largest country Canada

Longest river Mississippi-Missouri

Largest desert Great Basin

Largest lake Superior

FIND THE FLAGS

CANADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE BAHAMAS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CUBA

JAMAICA

HAITI

MEXICO

GUATEMALA

HONDURAS

EL SALVADOR

DOMINICA

BELIZE

NICARAGUA

COSTA RICA

GRENADA

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PANAMA

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

BARBADOS

ST LUCIA

ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

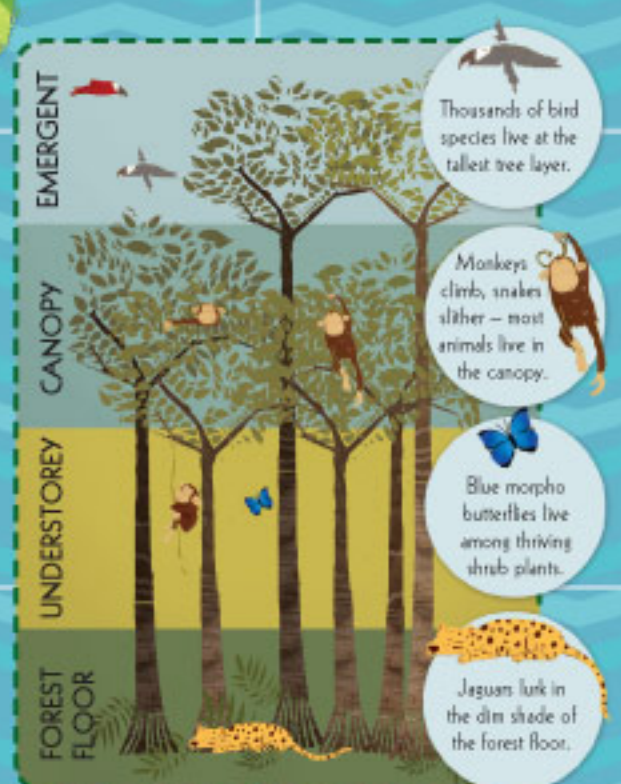
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

SOUTH AMERICA

The great continent of South America ranges from the vast, steamy Amazon rainforest in the north to a land of giant, frozen glaciers in the far south. Along its western edge are the soaring, snowy peaks of the Andes, the world's longest mountain range. South America has large deserts and open grasslands called pampas where cattle and sheep graze. Farmers also grow coffee, cotton, bananas and sugar cane. Most people live in busy cities on the coasts.



Caribbean Sea
Lake Maracaibo
Caracas
Tapir
VENEZUELA
Orinoco
Angel falls
Oil rigs
N
W
E
S
COLOMBIA
Bogota
Georgetown
Paramaribo
Cayenne
GUYANA
SURINAME
FRENCH GUIANA
Equator
ECUADOR
Quito
Tatacoa Desert
Jaguar
Anaconda
Amazon river dolphin
Amazon
Blue morpho butterfly
PERU
Tungurahua volcano
Andes Mountains
Toucan
Llama
Madeira
Solimões
Amazon Rainforest
BRAZIL
Coffee beans
Tocantins
Football
São Francisco
Lima
Machu Picchu
Lake Titicaca reed boat
Cathedral
La Paz
Brasília
BOLIVIA
Condor
Golden lion tamarin
Parana
Rio de Janeiro Carnival
Rio de Janeiro
Fishing
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS (ECU)
Atacama Desert
PARAGUAY
Armadillo
Asunción
Tropic of Capricorn
CHILE
Andes Mountains
Tango Dancers
Santiago
URUGUAY
Buenos Aires
Montevideo
ARGENTINA
Vineyards
Rhea
Atlantic Ocean
Pacific Ocean
Elephant seal
Sardines
Glaciers in Patagonia
Patagonian Desert
FALKLAND ISLANDS (UK)
Penguin



Amazon Rainforest

The vast rainforest surrounding the Amazon River is teeming with life at every level. More than 2.5 million insect species live there, and new ones are still being discovered every year.

FACT FILE

Longest mountain range Andes
Largest country Brazil
Longest river Amazon
Largest desert Patagonian
Largest lake Maracaibo

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ARGENTINA