

Maps and Globes

2nd Grade

Two ways of showing the world, and what each is good for.

MAP

- Flat — fits on paper or a screen
- Can zoom into one street
- Easy to carry and fold
- Stretches the shapes near the poles
- Best for finding your way

GLOBE

- Round, like Earth really is
- Shows the whole planet at once
- Awkward to carry anywhere
- Every country the right shape and size
- Best for understanding the whole world

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

A map is a globe squashed flat, and squashing always distorts something. That is the trade.

Both need a key, a compass rose and a scale before you can trust them.