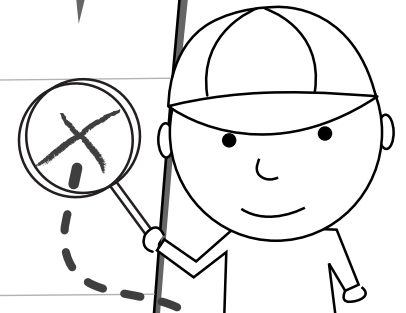
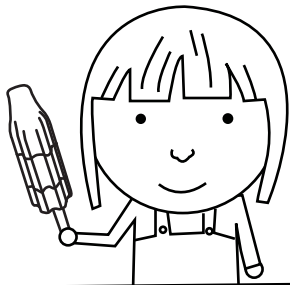


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MAP LEGENDS

Some explorers take maps with them in their travels, but early explorers had to make their own maps. Here's how you can make a map of your own neighborhood and start your own exploration.



House



Building



Lake



Fence



Utility Pole



Street



Intersection



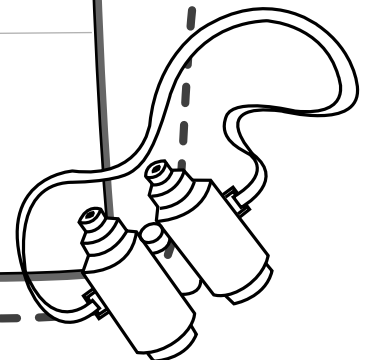
Street sign



Park



Fire Hydrant



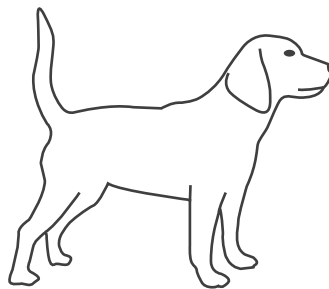


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Make A Map

1. Take a moment to think about what your neighborhood would look like if you were in a helicopter or plane looking down.
2. Place a small block or other toy in the center of a sheet of paper to represent where you live. Take other items and place them where your neighbors' homes would be.
3. Carefully trace around each block with a pencil, and then take the blocks off the paper. If you like, you can retrace the lines with colored pencils or markers to make them bolder and more colorful.
4. Draw in your neighbors' houses or buildings, schools, stores, or any other structures near where you live. Label each one with a symbol that represents what kind of building it is.
5. Make a legend or key in one corner of the map that shows what each symbol represents.
6. Draw in other features that would make it easy for anyone who visits your neighborhood to recognize it from your map. Here are a few of the things you might want to include:
 - a. trees and bushes
 - b. streets and alleys
 - c. sidewalks
 - d. driveways
 - e. street signs
 - f. utility poles
 - g. fire hydrants
 - h. fences
 - i. newspaper boxes
 - j. swimming pools
 - k. towers
 - l. parks



Scavenger Hunt

Once you have your map finished, become an explorer yourself! Use the map for a fun scavenger hunt - by yourself or with any size group. You can even divide into teams, if you like. Give each person or team a copy of your map and the list below (or a list you make up). Go and look for as many items from the list as you can, and mark the location where you found them on the map. Compare maps and lists at the end to see which person or team found the most items – and also find out who saw the same item at the same place.

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| dog | bottle cap |
| feather | piece of glass |
| tree seed (pine cone, acorn, etc.) | shiny plant |
| animal or bird footprint | dead insect |
| dried leaf | small piece of asphalt or concrete |
| fossil rock | brown bird |
| sign on a telephone pole | butterfly |
| flower | striped rock |
| shiny rock | squirrel |
| evergreen needle | clover |

Extra Online Activity

Check to see how accurate your map is! Visit <http://maps.google.com/>, enter your address, choose "Satellite" view from the options in the upper right-hand corner, and zoom in as close as possible using the tool in the upper left-hand corner. Compare the satellite photo to your map – did you forget anything?

