

Maps and Symbols

Chapter 2: Maps and Symbols · Topic 1

Key Concept

Map symbols are small pictures or signs that represent real features like a blue line for a river or a green area for a forest.

A legend (or key) on a map explains what each symbol represents, helping us understand and read the map correctly.

Scale on a map shows the relationship between distances on the map and actual distances in the real world.

Learning to read map symbols and use a legend helps us interpret maps accurately for navigation and study.

Quick Revision Notes

- Map symbols represent real features.
- Example: blue line = river; green = forest.
- A legend explains what symbols mean.
- It helps read the map correctly.
- Scale shows map distance vs real distance.
- This helps understand actual sizes.
- Reading symbols/legend needs practice.
- This helps accurate map interpretation.

Practice Questions

- 1 Draw a map with three symbols and a legend.
- 2 Identify symbols on a real map if available.
- 3 Discuss why a legend is necessary.
- 4 Draw a symbol for a river, forest, and road.
- 5 Discuss how scale helps understand real distances.
- 6 Practice reading a map's legend.