Continents, Oceans, and Map Grids

Continents

*The world has **seven continents**. The continents can be identified on maps.*



Continents

- **Africa** — located south of Europe and is bordered by the Atlantic and Indian oceans
- **Antarctica** — surrounds the South Pole and is almost completely covered in ice
- **Asia** — neighbors Europe and is surrounded by the Arctic, Pacific, and Indian oceans
- **Australia** — lies southeast of Asia and between the Pacific and Indian oceans
- **Europe** — lies to the west of Asia and to the east of the Atlantic Ocean
- **North America** — located between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans in the Western Hemisphere
- **South America** — located between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans in the Western Hemisphere and north of Antarctica

Oceans of the World

*The world has **five oceans**. The oceans can be identified on maps.*



Oceans

- **Arctic Ocean** — located in the Northern Hemisphere and mostly in the Arctic north polar region
- **Atlantic Ocean** — bordered to the west by North and South America and by Europe and Africa to the east
- **Indian Ocean** — located to the east of Africa, south of Asia, and west of Australia
- **Pacific Ocean** — located between Asia and North America and is the world's largest ocean
- **Southern Ocean** — surrounds Antarctica and is made up of the southernmost parts of the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans



Map Skills - Grids

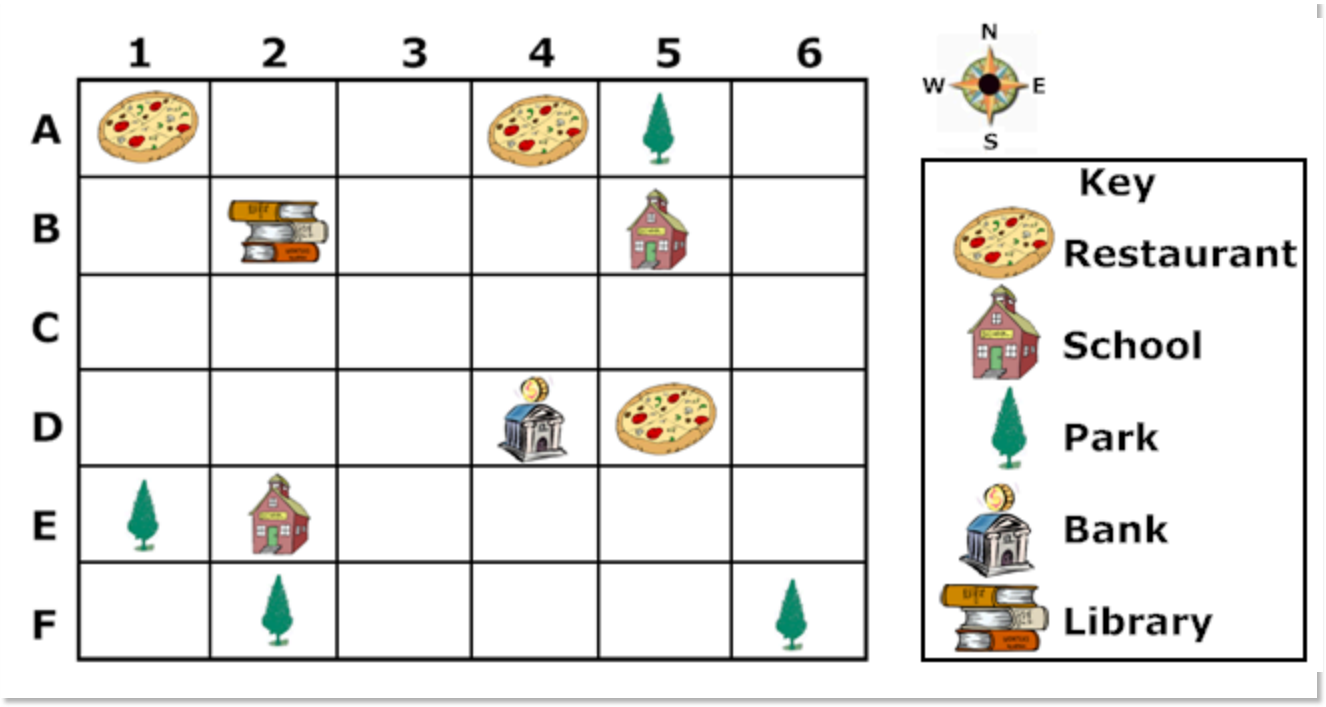
__Grids__ are used in many different maps to identify the location of objects. For example, ship captains use grids of longitude and latitude to figure out where they are on the ocean.

Grids help you locate places on maps. A grid uses lines to make rows and columns on a map. The rows go from side to side. The columns go from top to bottom. Every place on the map is in a single row and column.

On many maps, the top and/or the bottom of the grid will have letters. They will help tell you which **column** the object is in. Also, on many maps, the sides will have numbers on the left and/or right. They will tell you what **row** the object is in.

EXAMPLE:

On the map below, the bank is located in grid **D-4**.



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