

Symbols

MAPS HAVE LITTLE PICTURES ON THEM THAT ARE CALLED SYMBOLS.

A SYMBOL IS SOMETHING THAT STANDS FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

ON THIS MAP, THIS TYPE OF LINE MEANS ROAD.

THIS SYMBOL MEANS LARGE CITY.

THIS SYMBOL STANDS FOR RAILROAD TRACKS.

A BLUE LINE MEANS RIVER.

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT EACH SYMBOL STANDS FOR?

EVERY MAP HAS A KEY.

A KEY IS A LITTLE BOX ON THE MAP

THAT TELLS US EXACTLY WHAT EACH SYMBOL STANDS FOR

AND WHAT THE SCALE OF THE MAP IS.

PRETEND YOU'RE PLAYING

IN A BIG PARK YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE.

YOU WANT A DRINK OF WATER,

BUT YOU DON'T SEE A DRINKING FOUNTAIN ANYWHERE.

BUT THERE IS A SIGN WITH A MAP ON IT.

YOU LOOK AT THE KEY

AND FIND THE SYMBOL FOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

IT LOOKS LIKE A RED TRIANGLE.

YOU FIND THE RED TRIANGLE ON THE MAP.

IT LOOKS LIKE

IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICNIC TABLES.

- NOW I KNOW WHERE A DRINKING FOUNTAIN IS.

narrator: YOU CAN SEE THE PICNIC TABLES

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FROM WHERE YOU ARE.

NOW YOU CAN GO AND GET A DRINK.