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## Lesson 6

# Finding Myself on a Map

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- identify your personal location on a map, including the country and continent of origin
- locate what is to the north, south, east, and west of your current location
- explain why it is important to know your location in the world

## Lesson Review

If you need to review regions, please go to the lesson titled “The Region Where I Live.”

## Academic Vocabulary

Review the following vocabulary words and their meanings.

- **location:** a specific place or position on Earth
- **personal location:** the specific place where a person is on Earth

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REAL WORLD



Have you ever seen a sign like this one on a map in your community? Was it helpful when you were able to find yourself on the map? Why? Think of places you go where you see or use maps. List them on the lines below.

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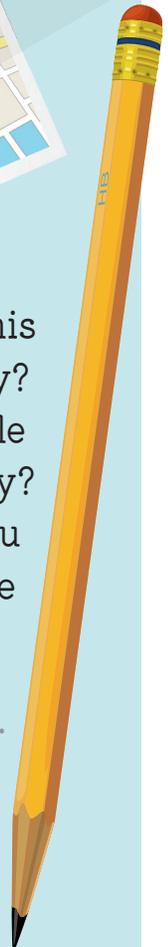
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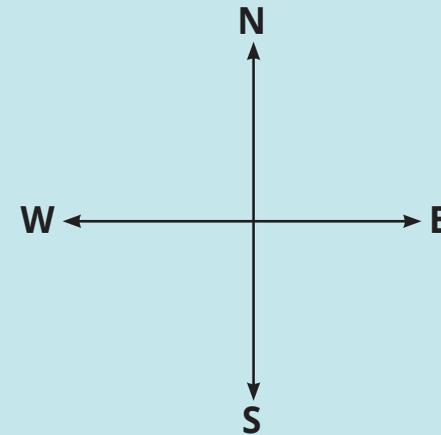
# EXPLORE



Throughout the day, you might go to different places. You might be at home. Then you might go to the store. Next, you could go to soccer practice. Look around you. Where are you right now? What is in front of you and behind you? What is located to your left and right? Draw a picture of the area where you are.



This is the compass rose you learned about in previous lessons. This compass rose is found on maps. The “N” means north. North is the direction of the North Pole. The “S” means south. South is the direction of the South Pole. “E” means east. East is the direction where the sun rises. “W” means west. West is the direction where the sun sets. These are the cardinal directions. They can help you describe where something is located.



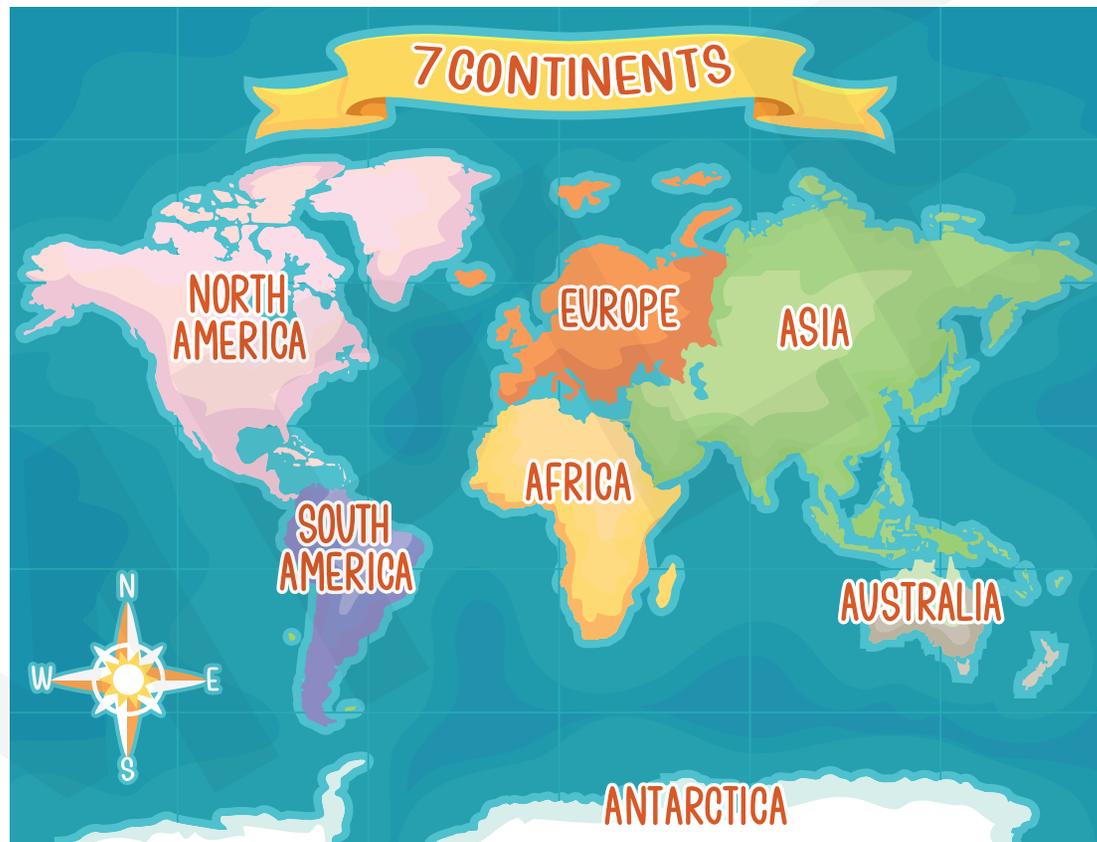
How would you describe where you are? Why do you think it's important to know where you are?

# READ

## Where in the World Do I Live?

You have learned and explored many types of maps. You have learned about continents, regions, and countries. In this lesson, you will use what you have learned to find yourself on the map. You are going to determine your **location**, or the place on Earth where you are. Let's find your continent first.

Look at the map of the world to the right and circle the continent where you live.



# WRITE

Fill in the blanks using the map above to help you.

My name is .....

I live on the planet .....

The continent where I live is called .....

The country where I live is called .....

# READ

## My Personal Location

You know the continent and the country where you live. Let's find out more about your **personal location**, or the exact place where you are. Let's look at a neighborhood map. Imagine that you are located in the house with an X.

Now, look at the compass rose. Place your finger on the X and move it in the direction of the arrow that points to the N for north. What are some things that are north of the house with an X? There is a street and some houses. There is a road and a river north of the house with an X. Try moving your finger to the south. There is a road south of the X. Move your finger to the east and west. There are other houses to the east and west of the X.



# PRACTICE

Look at a map of your country. Fill in the sentences to tell about what is located around your country.

To the north of my country is .....

To the south of my country is .....

To the west of my country is .....

To the east of my country is .....

# READ

## The World Around Me

Understanding your location can help you find your way around your neighborhood. It can help you find the resources you need to live. You can know where to go for groceries or other supplies near your home.

Just like you are a part of your neighborhood, you are also a part of the world. If you know your location, you can learn about other countries around you and the people who live in them.

Knowing your location can also help you make plans. If you know about the land and water around you, you can know where to go hiking or swimming. If you know about the weather in your location, you can wear the right clothes. You can also know the best time to plant seeds in a garden and when to harvest them.



# REVIEW

In this lesson, you learned:

- You can find your location on a map, including the continent and country where you live.
- You can locate places to the north, south, east, and west of your current location.
- Knowing your location in the world is important so you can find things you need and make plans for things you want to do.

### Think About It

Do you think maps are useful? Do you use maps in your everyday life?

# WRITE

List one reason why it is important to know your personal location.

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1. What is location?

- A. one of four directions on a compass rose
- B. a specific place or position on Earth
- C. a picture of Earth



Look at the map to the right. Imagine that you are standing by the red and yellow striped traffic cone. Circle the correct answer below.

2. What is north of where you are standing?

stoplight      store      police station

3. What is south of where you are standing?

police station      hospital      yellow house

4. What is west of where you are standing?

hospital      store      yellow house

5. What is east of where you are standing?

store      yellow house      road

6. What is the name of the continent where you live?
7. What is the name of the country where you live?

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8. True or False It's important to know your personal location so you can figure out where to go to get the things you want or need.

## ONLINE CONNECTION



Find a map of your community, town, or city online. Then, look for a satellite view of the same area. This shows your community, town, or city from space. A satellite above Earth took a photo of it.

Compare both maps. What do you notice? What is the same and different? Talk about your findings with your instructor.

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