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CHAPTER 12
OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
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Learning Objectives:

- To give students an idea about the features of map.
- To make them aware of how to take care of our neighbourhood.
- To enhance the cognitive and critical thinking among them.

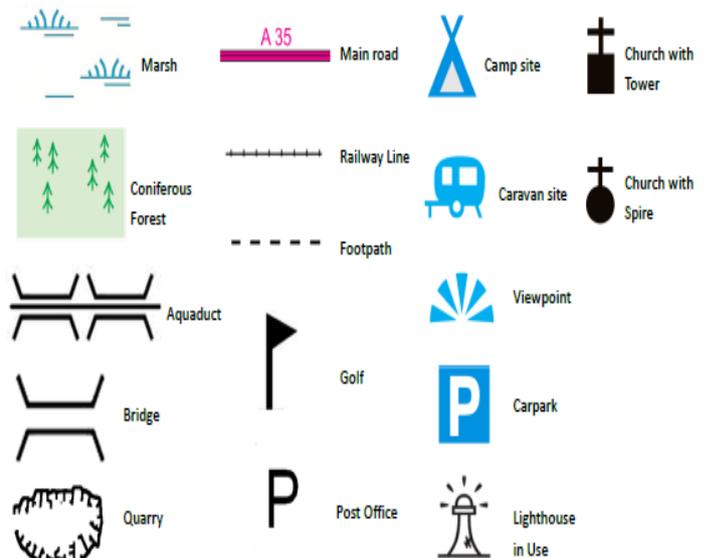
READING A MAP

Maps contain different types of information and we can read a map if we learn about its features.

1. **Directions:** If we stand facing the rising Sun, the direction in front of us is East and behind is West, to our left is North and to our right side is South.

2. **Scale:** The scale is used to show distances on a map, for example, 1 cm can be used to represent 1000km. Hence, if distance between two cities is 4000km, it will be shown as 4 cm on the map.

3. **Colours:** Different colours are used to show the different places on the Earth.



Blue is used to show water bodies such as rivers, oceans and lakes while green represents the plain. Yellow shows the highlands and brown is used to show hills and mountains.

4. **Signs and symbols on maps**: Maps use many signs and symbols to give different types of information. At times, certain landmarks are highlighted on a map so that it becomes easier to locate different places. A landmark is a place that we can easily recognise like a hospital, post office or school.

TAKING CARE OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

- We should try to take care of our neighbourhood. Things which belong to the people living in any area is called public property. It's our duty to keep it safe.
- Parks in our neighbourhood should be kept clean and green. We should throw waste products only in a dustbin. We should not pluck flowers in the park.
- The modes of transportation of an area are also public properties. We should maintain its cleanliness.
- We should keep the public spaces like banks and schools clean.
- Our aim should be to maintain peace and harmony in our neighbourhood.
- We should help our neighbours during the time of their need.

KNOWING IS FUN

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