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Answer Key

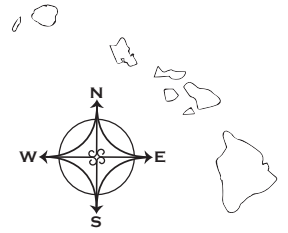
Learning About Maps!

Directions:

Read the text to learn about maps.

Can you figure out what the underlined words mean?

Use sentence level context clues to help you!



Maps help people make sense of the world around them. They show where things are **located**. Because the world is so big, maps are created to show places as they look from above. Maps usually make places look much smaller than they really are.

Maps are pictures **created** by people. First, mapmakers use photographs of places taken from above to help them draw maps. They also **measure** the ground to find out the sizes of places and how far away things are from each other.

Next, mapmakers draw the maps. The mapmakers include the important details about an area. Some maps have shading, **labels**, and little pictures to help people learn more about a place.

Maps are important because they help us learn about the surface of the Earth. They also help us get to the places we need to go. Learning about maps is fun!

1. The word **located** means **where a place is**.
I know this because the text says **that maps are created to show places as they look from above**.
2. The word **created** means **made**.
I know this because the text says **that people draw maps**.
3. The word **measure** means **finding out the size of something**.
I know this because the text says **that mapmakers measure the ground to find out the sizes of places and how far away things are from each other**.
4. The word **label** means **information, like a picture or word, that helps you learn about something**.
I know this because the text says **that some maps have labels to help people learn more about a place**.