

# Sketch Maps

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## Learning Objective

To understand how to draw a sketch map.

## Success Criteria

- To recognise the key features of a sketch map.
- To understand how to draw sketch maps.
- To draw two types of sketch maps - of a place and to show a route.

# What Is a Sketch Map?

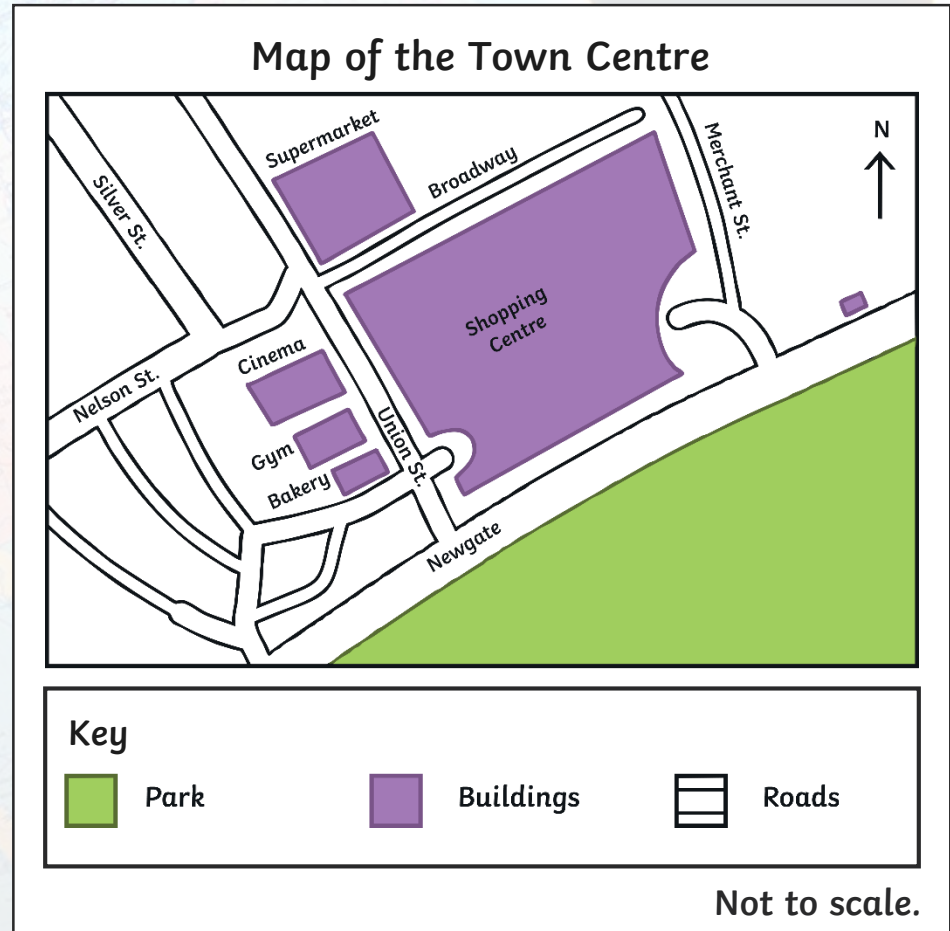


## Think, Pair, Share

- What is a sketch map?
- How are sketch maps different to 'real' maps?
- What are the pros and cons of using a sketch map to show what a place is like?

## sketch map

A sketch map is a very simple map drawn from a 'bird's-eye view'. It is not drawn to scale and only shows the main features of an area.



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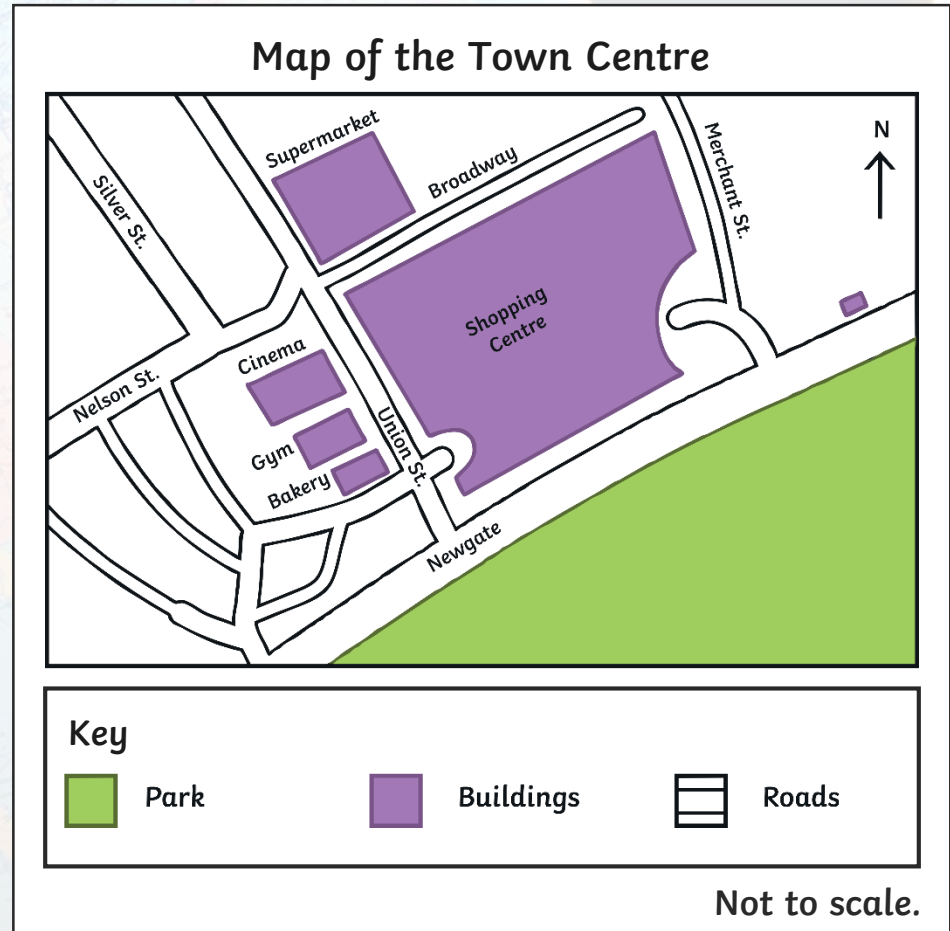


Look at this example of a sketch map. **What key features should every sketch map have?**

A sketch map should have:

- a title;
- a frame;
- a key;
- a north arrow;
- simple line drawings with very little detail;
- labels and annotations (if needed).

You should also state that the map is **not drawn to scale!**

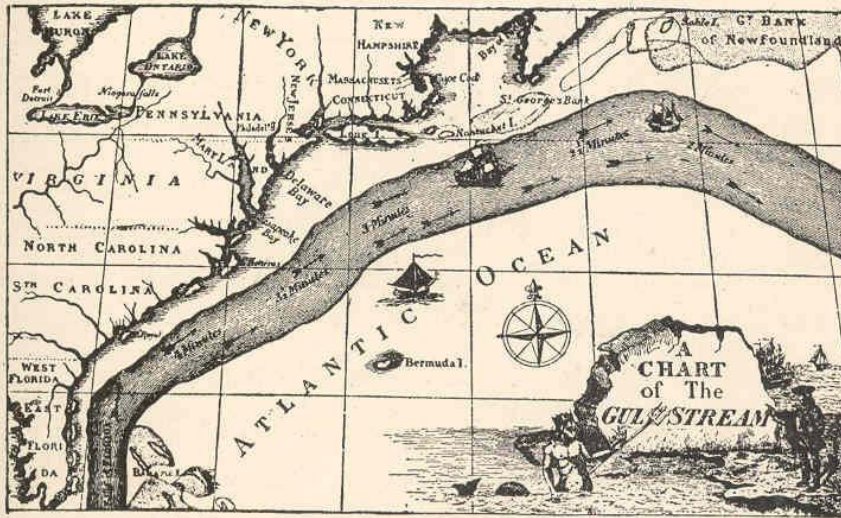


# What Is a Sketch Map?



Early explorers would have drawn sketch maps.

Their maps were not to scale but were still very useful when new continents were being discovered!



FRANKLIN'S MAP OF THE GULF STREAM MADE FROM A WHALEMAN'S SKETCH

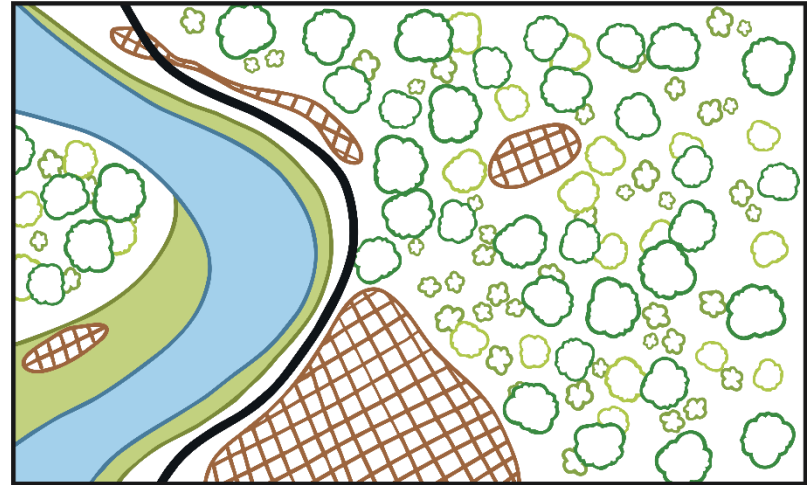
# Drawing a Sketch Map of a Place



The River Elbe, Germany

Click through this slide to see how a sketch map is made.

The River Elbe, Germany



## Key



Settlement



Open Space



River



Forest



Road

Not to scale.

# Drawing a Sketch Map of a Place



You are going to draw your own sketch map of the location shown in this photo.

Remember, a sketch map should have:

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**Baska Voda Port, Croatia**



Complete the **Drawing a Sketch Map of a Place Activity Sheet**.

# Drawing a Sketch Map to Show a Route



Map of the Town Centre



**Key**



Park



Buildings



Roads

Not to scale.

You can also draw a sketch map to show a route.

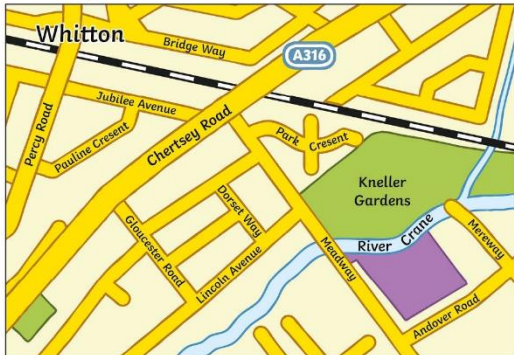
This sketch map is not to scale but it would still be useful to help someone find their way around the town as it shows the main roads and landmarks.

# Drawing a Sketch Map to Show a Route

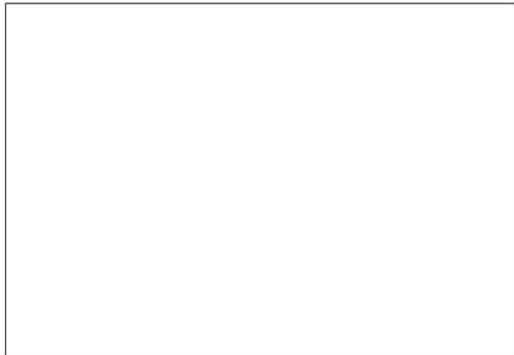


## Drawing a Sketch Map to Show a Route

Imagine that you live on Andover Road. Your cousin is coming to visit you by train and will be arriving at Whitton Station.



Draw a simple sketch map to show them the quickest route to get to your house. You only need to label any streets or features that will help them to find your house!



Complete the **Drawing a Sketch Map to Show a Route Activity Sheet**.

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Three features that every sketch map should have.

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Two examples of when someone might use a sketch map.

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One extra fact that you have learnt about sketch maps.



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