

## FINDING YOUR WAY

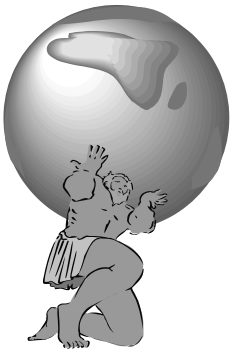
### Maps -



Maps show you where places are and how you can get to them by road, rail, sea or air. They can also be very useful in explaining something – it's often easier to draw a picture than to use a lot of words to explain to someone how to get to the Post Office or to the nearest MacDonald's! Maps, therefore, have to be *studied* because they show you where places are situated. They also have to be *drawn*, so that you can describe a route or the position of things.

### Atlas -

The word ATLAS, which describes a book of maps, comes from the name of a giant called Atlas whose story is among the legends of Ancient Greece. He was punished for fighting against Zeus, the leader of the gods. Atlas had to hold up the heavens, using his head, shoulders and hands.



An atlas is an excellent source of useful information. Among the things you can find in an atlas are:

1. maps of the countries or regions of the world
2. mountains, lowlands, seas, oceans, rivers, lakes
3. road, rail and air routes
4. cities and population distribution
5. rainfall and temperatures
6. natural resources – minerals, agriculture, vegetation