

Chapter – 04 Geography

Maps

- A map is a representation or a drawing of earth's surface or part of it, drawn on a flat surface according to a scale.
- **Type:**
 - (i) Maps are of several types.
 - (ii) Maps showing natural features of the earth are called physical or relief maps.
 - (iii) Maps showing cities, town and villages, countries and states of the world with their boundaries are called political maps.
 - (iv) Some maps focus on specific information like rainfall map, road maps, maps of tourist places are called thematic maps.
- **Components of Maps:**
 - (i) There are three components of maps-distance, direction and symbol.
 - (ii) Distance is measured in terms of scale. Scale is the ration between the actual distance on the ground and the distance shown on the map.
 - (iii) When large areas like continents or countries are to be shown on a paper, then we use a small scale.
 - (iv) When a small area like your village to town in to be shown on paper, then we use a large scale map.
 - (v) Directions are cardinal points like North, South, East and West.
 - (vi) Symbols are certain letters, shades, colours, pictures and lines, which give us information about a limited place.
 - (vii) Various other things like sketches and plan are used to draw an area of a large scale.