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Contour Lines	**Mountain Peak**	**Building**

Lake & River	**Road**	**Railway**
Bridge	**Forest**	**Walking Track**
Most maps have North at the top. This helps you turn your map the right way so it matches the land around you.	Maps use little pictures instead of words. This is like a secret code-breaker that tells you what each picture stands for.	Maps are much smaller than the real world. This tells you how far you'd really walk between two places on the map.
Each line joins up places that are the same height. When the lines are close together the hill is steep, and when they're far apart the land is flat.	This is the highest point of a mountain or hill. Sometimes the map shows a number next to it to tell you how tall it is.	A house, school or shop where people live, learn or work. Small ones are drawn as little black squares.
Water on the land. Some sits still in a big pool with land all around it, and some flows from the hills down to the sea.	These join towns and places together. Bigger, busier ones are often drawn wider on the map than small quiet ones.	The little cross marks look like the wooden sleepers that hold the tracks in place. Trains carry people and goods a long way.
This carries a road or path over a river or creek, so you can get to the other side without swimming or getting your feet wet.	An area full of trees, also called the bush. It's home to birds, possums and koalas, and is a great place to go bushwalking.	A path through parks and the bush. It's too small for cars, so it's drawn as a broken line instead of a solid one.