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political	A political map shows countries, country borders, cities and capital cities, seas and oceans.	governments, tourists, students
physical	A physical map shows the physical features of an area such as major rivers and lakes, relief (shape) of the land, deserts, landforms such as volcanoes.	tourists, students, scientists
thematic	A thematic map is a map that is designed to show information about a single topic. It does not usually show political or physical features. Examples include population density maps or climate maps.	scientists, governments, tourists
topographical	A topographical map uses contour lines to show the relief of the landscape. It is possible to identify landforms such as hills, plains and valleys using these maps.	walkers, rescue services, orienteering groups
road	A road map is used to show the major and minor roads in an area. Road maps might also show towns and cities, airports and other points of interest such as camp sites etc.	delivery drivers, emergency services, tourists, commuters
topological	A topological map is a simplified map which shows only the vital information without unnecessary detail. These maps do not have a scale or direction but are useful to show the relative locations of places on the map.	commuters, tourists
navigation	A navigation map shows information including the coastline, water depth, natural features of the sea bed, man-made structures such as harbours, lighthouses and bridges as well as information on tides and currents.	scientists, sailors, the navy