

MAP IT OUT

Activity Eight



Objective

To use online resources, like Google Maps, to answer questions that will engage the students working memory in being able to recognise the area they live in and read and interpret maps..

Observing, planning, mapping and directing are the main components of this activity.

Required materials

- Pencil and eraser
- Activity sheet supplied
- Internet access
- Great memory and sense of direction



Task description

Provide the activity sheet to students and ask them to use online resources, like Google Maps, find the answers to the questions.

Tip: ask students to read the questions before starting their online search, so they understand what they are looking for.

1. Allow students internet access to find the answers to complete the activity sheet.
2. Once students have completed this activity, invite a class discussion on the difference in their responses.

Suggestion

Encourage students to get creative with **Question 5**. It makes for a great talking piece between them all after completing the tasks.

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Using online resources like Google Maps answer the following questions.

1. What street/road is your school located on?

2. You must direct the school bus driver to the local park or another nearby place that they would like to take all their friends on the bus. Using a map, what is the quickest and easiest route from your school to the place you are going?

(Explain your trip noting down all the roads you turn down. You can even describe what you would see out the bus window along the way. The more detail the better!)

3. Using a completely different route, direct the school bus back to the school from the park or wherever you took the bus to. You are not allowed to use any of the roads and streets you used to get to there!

4. Looking back on your map, was there a specific road or street that would have made your travel more convenient/quicker if you had of taken it both times?

If Yes, please write down what street that was?

5. Use part of the street/road name that your school is located on to create your own name for a suburb. For example:

What street/road is your school located on?

Cart Road

What could a new suburb name be inspired by this street name?

Carthor Ville

Create your own suburb name using parts of the street/road name that your school is on (referring to **Question 1**).

