

Chapter 9 Geography definitions

relative location- the location of a place relative to other places. (when you use another place as a landmark to find a particular place.)

physical characteristics- natural parts of the land, like rivers, lakes, or mountains

human characteristics- things that people have added to a place, like a town, road, or school. Human characteristics also include political boundaries, such as city and state borders.

cardinal directions - main directions of north, south, east and west on a compass

intermediate directions - directions between the cardinal directions on a compass (northeast, southeast, northwest, southwest)

compass rose - a small drawing on a map that shows directions.

map scale - shows the relationship between distances on a map and real distances.

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