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|  | Australian Curriculum Year 7 Geography sample assessment ׀ Assessment resource  Investigating water scarcity |

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### Cartographic conventions

It is important that students know and understand cartographic conventions for representing geographic data and information on small-scale and large-scale maps.

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| Cartographic convention | Explanation |
| Border | * Positions the map within the white space of the page * Defines the extent of the map |
| Orientation | Latitude and longitude or north point |
| Legend (or key) | Lists and defines symbols and colours used in the map:   * usually located in the bottom left- or right-hand corner * may use shading or symbols |
| Title | Defines the map’s location and its purpose |
| Scale | The relationship (or ratio) between distance on a map and the corresponding distance on the ground  e.g. on a 1:100 000 scale map, 1 cm on the map equals 100 000 cm  (1 km) on the ground |
| Source | Where possible the source of the map should be acknowledged using  an accepted referencing system such as author–date |

