



ACTIVITY

Draw your own basin!

Maps tell us about the direction and location of different landmarks, like rivers, roads and towns.

The **map legend** helps us understand the map. It shows us what symbols are being used to represent real objects.

Both **shapes** and **colours** are used for symbols on maps.









A legend is sometimes also called a **key**.

A legend is a bit like a dictionary, helping us “look up” the meaning of the map.

Your task:

Draw your own map of an imaginary river basin!

1. Start by drawing an area of land that makes up your basin.
2. Then add lines and other symbols for:
 - rivers and streams
 - towns
 - roads
 - other landmarks or special habitats
3. You can use the symbols from the FBA map, or make up your own!
4. Make sure you add a legend to help people understand the map.
5. Don't forget to give your basin a name. What state or country is your basin in?

Legend	
	Major Rivers
	Other Rivers & Creeks
	Direction of Water Flow
	Dams & Weirs (selected)
	Monitoring Site (selected)
	Cities & Towns
	Major Roads
	Land in the basin