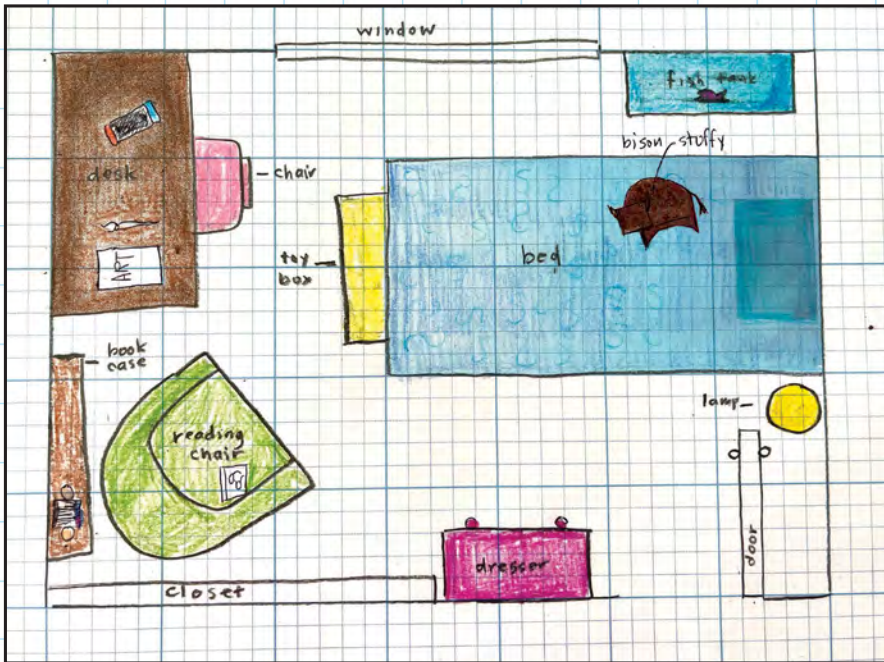


BE YOUR OWN NAVIGATOR

When you're not the one driving the car or bus, it's easy to ignore how to get around. If you pay attention, though, you can be the one figuring out how to get from here to there.



MAP YOUR ROOM

Find a piece of graph paper. Count the number of steps you take from side to side, then do it the other way. Draw the map using one square (or more) on the paper for each step. Now do the same thing for the door, furniture, closet and windows. There you go — your own personal map! Even more fun? Creating a map for a city, country or planet you dream up in your imagination.



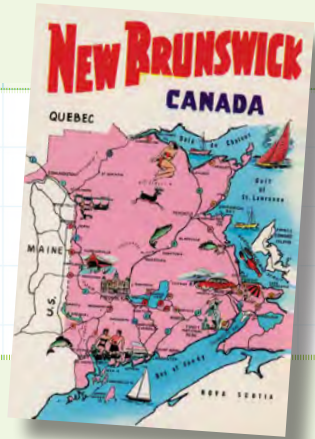
If you were in a new place with parents or other adults, how would the group find its way around? What would you do if nobody's phones worked?



NEXT TIME YOU'RE RIDING IN A VEHICLE OR OUT FOR A WALK, PAY ATTENTION TO THE LANDMARKS ON YOUR ROUTE. WHICH ONES MIGHT HELP YOU IF YOU HAD TO FIND YOUR WAY BACK AGAIN?

RETRO CHALLENGE

Track down an old paper map of your community. What things have stayed the same? What's changed? For bonus points: Try folding it back up. Harder than you'd think!



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When you have a map open on a computer or other device, try searching for different things. What shows up? What doesn't? What's it like being able to see faraway places? How do you feel about people being able to see your home or school?