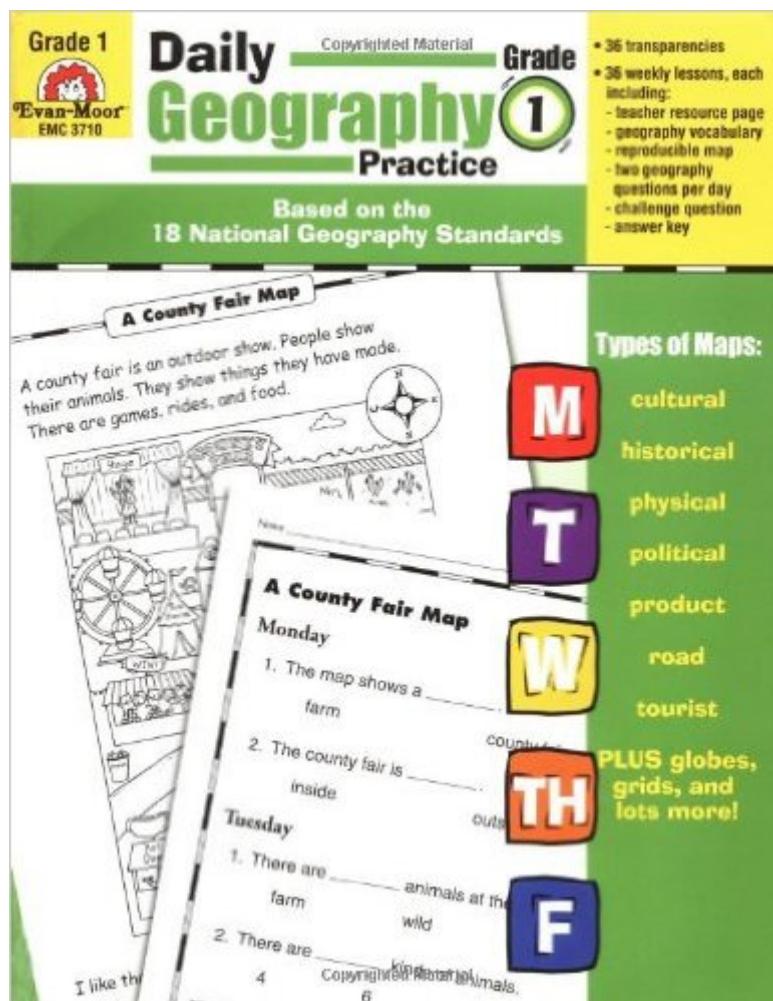


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# Daily Geography Practice, Grade 1



## **Synopsis**

Essential map-reading skills can be sharpened in just minutes a day with focused daily practice using this 36-week progressive program. Based on the 18 National Geography Standards, this selection comes with teacher resource pages, reproducible maps and globes, 36 map transparencies, a glossary of geography terms, and answer keys.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The book's layout is geared towards a teacher and a classroom. The book contains overhead projection sheets to display for the class. Most of the book's thickness is the overhead sheets. In class that works, but not at home. The book displays a map each week and asks questions about that map. Unfortunately, the answers are printed by the map. When a child looks at the map, he sees the answers and doesn't learn anything. The book is definitely not for independent homeschool learning, because it's too easy to cheat. The content is good, but it's too easy and very repetitious. My daughter completed the whole book in 3 days. I hoped it would last 36 weeks.

This is a good introduction to maps, including how to use map keys and compass directions to find locations on the map. A wide variety of maps are introduced, including fictional zoo maps, theme park maps, city maps, along with explanations of the globe, the world map, the seven continents,

and various state maps. After each map, there are a series of questions, two per day, Monday - Friday. At the end of the book are transparencies, for overhead projectors, for each map in the assignments. My four year old loves this book. We do the full weeks questions in one sitting. We tear out the overheads and write on them with transparency markers, making our own tour routes and finding locations. It makes learning maps very fun.

In our home state of VA, mapping is required in kindergarten. Our regular homeschool curriculum does not include mapping or geography at the kindergarten level, so I use this handy resource for our mapping lessons. There are 36 weeks worth of lessons, each including a map and a couple of questions to answer about the map each day of the week. The questions are separated by day, but you can easily complete as many questions as necessary to fit into a one or two-day a week geography lesson. The information within this book follows the SOLs fairly closely with definitions like "a map is a drawing of a place from above" and "you use a map to find places". The questions are short and should be relatively easy for young readers. Pre-readers (like my son) shouldn't have any trouble answering the questions if they have them and the answer choices read aloud. There are also transparencies that match each of the map pages included in each lesson. I like the variety of the maps in this book. There are maps of rooms, communities, states, a zoo, a county fair, etc. There is even a treasure map! Lessons include using a map, understanding what a map is, understanding what a map key is, and using a map key. I like that the maps are visually appealing to youngsters without being too silly and they are easy to read. This book includes information on national geography standards and a teacher page with advice for each lesson. There is also a simple glossary. The pages are perforated and you can give these to students individually without handing them the entire book. Of the very many educational workbooks I have purchased for our classroom, this one is definitely the most useful.

This is an easy way to teach maps, and a great introduction to geography. The lessons are short, the questions are simple, the maps are clear and interesting - maps of homes, rooms in houses, states with landmarks, towns, etc. There is also a code in the front of the book that gives access to all of the maps in the book to be reprinted for use with the students. I don't know that we'll need the maps to be reproduced, as I'm just teaching 2 kids, I think we'll do just fine with one book...   
HOWEVER - I think it's a great feature for teaching many students at once in a public/private school setting. There are no transparencies in this book or use on an overhead projector. Perhaps there used to be, as I see it mentioned in some other reviews... but there aren't in my brand new book, so

I have to assume they've done away with this feature. Overall, I am very pleased. I wanted a light, labor-easy introduction to geography, and this is it!

I'm just starting geography with my 7 and 8 year olds. We do geography for 30 minutes each week, which is enough to get through two or three weeks of exercises, even with my two rambunctious boys. They absolutely love doing their geography. It's almost like play time to them. We do it first thing Monday morning. It's the perfect, painless way to start the school week.

We love this book. We are homeschooling and it has been very helpful. The daily lessons are very very short (one question). So my son often does one page twice a week. The text is very readable and the language is simple enough for my 1st grader who doesn't yet enjoy reading to be able to read on his own. He often has the page done before I have had my morning coffee. The pace suits him. There is not too much repetition and each lesson takes you to a different location. He has learned a great deal about reading maps and the different sorts of information is available on different sorts of maps. This has also been a great jumping off point for further education about other topics. For example, there was a unit that had a map in a desert that we used as a springboard into looking more at desert life. Another unit got us looking at rural life vs city life. I look forward to using the 2nd Grade addition next school year.

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