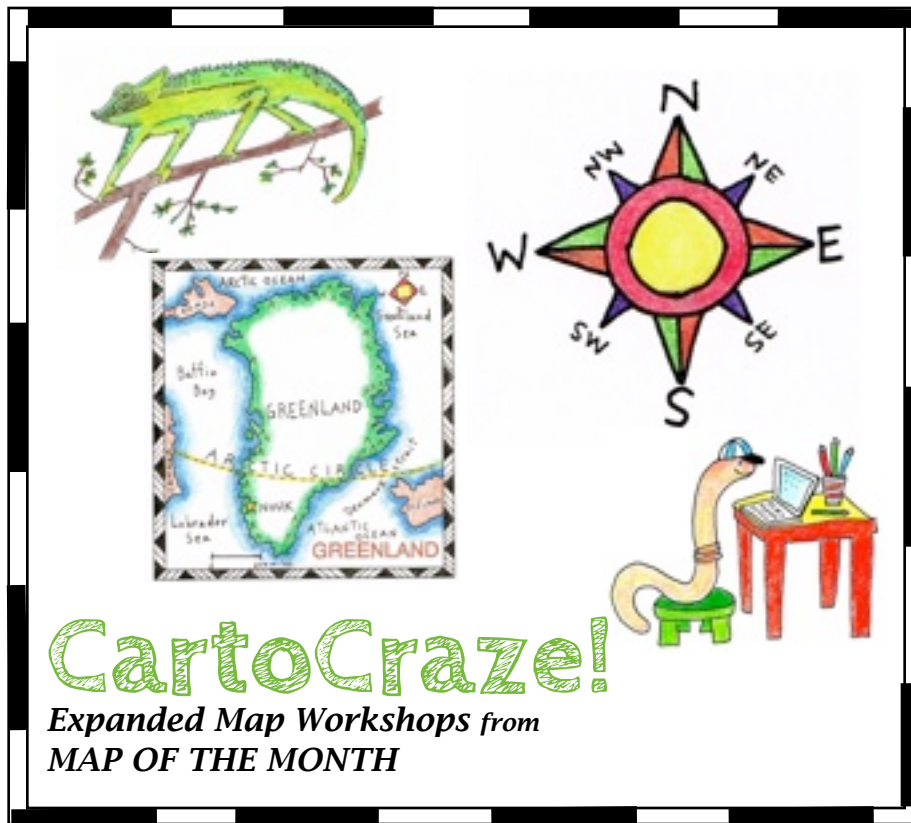


# CANARY ISLANDS



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# ISLANDS



**An island is a piece of land surrounded by water. An island can be as tiny as a spot of land at the center of a freshwater lake, only large enough for a few plants. Alternately, it can be very large, like Greenland, surrounded by salt water ocean.**

**The actual foundation of an island is below water. Many islands in the deep ocean are the tips of volcanoes. Other islands emerge from the Continental Shelf.**

**The topography of an island is influenced by its position on Earth. Its temperature, climate, flora and fauna and its size are determined by its location. Some islands are uninhabited, others are home to millions of people. An island can be isolated and far away from other pieces of land, or it can be part of a group of islands.**

**Throughout history, islands have captured the imaginations of humans. Explorers in the early history of the civilized world risked their lives to visit islands that were yet unknown. People choose islands as a destination, to relax in areas that have easy access to water. People love movies about islands! Robert Louis Stevenson's book TREASURE ISLAND, published in 1883, is still popular today with readers around the world. There is something very fascinating about a piece of land that has a continuous coastline.....**



# ISLAND TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS!

It is impossible to talk about islands, or learn about them, without knowing some terms that relate to islands. Here are just a few terms! Can you come up with other terms?



**DESERT ISLAND** An island not inhabited by humans.

**ATOLL** A coral reef shaped like a circle or ring and is filled with water. This is usually the tip of an extinct volcano.

**COASTLINE** The land along the outer edge of an island, where the land meets the water.

**ARCHIPELAGO** A chain or group of islands

**BARRIER ISLAND** An island formed of dunes, made of flat or lumpy areas of sand parallel to a coastline.

**PENINSULA** A piece of land that is surrounded by water on three sides but connected to mainland.

**GULF** A large bay that is connected to the ocean or larger body of water.

**BAY** A large indentation on a coastline that is connected to an ocean or lake

**LAGOON** A shallow body of water separated from a larger body of water by coral reefs or barrier islands.

**BEACH** Land along the coast of an ocean, sea, lake, or river consisting of loose particles made of sand or rock.

The following presentation is an introduction to the CANARY ISLANDS with guidelines about making a map, as well as some information about its geography, people and animals.





## CANARY ISLANDS

The **Canary Islands** are part of the country of **SPAIN**. You might be surprised that the Canary Islands are over 1000 miles away from mainland Spain! They are just a little over 62 miles away from where Morocco meets the Western Sahara.

Thirteen volcanic islands form this group, and have subtropical climate. They are very mountainous for the most part, with some fertile valleys between the mountains. Spain's highest peak lies here on the island of Tenerife: Pico de Tiede, and it is 12,198 feet high. It is the third largest volcano on earth! Many tourists are attracted to the many national parks, beaches and water attractions. To travel from island to island, tourists and islanders use ferry boats.

I am  
Professor Earthworm!



Make a compass rose for your map by following the directions [HERE!](#)

# ON THE MAP!



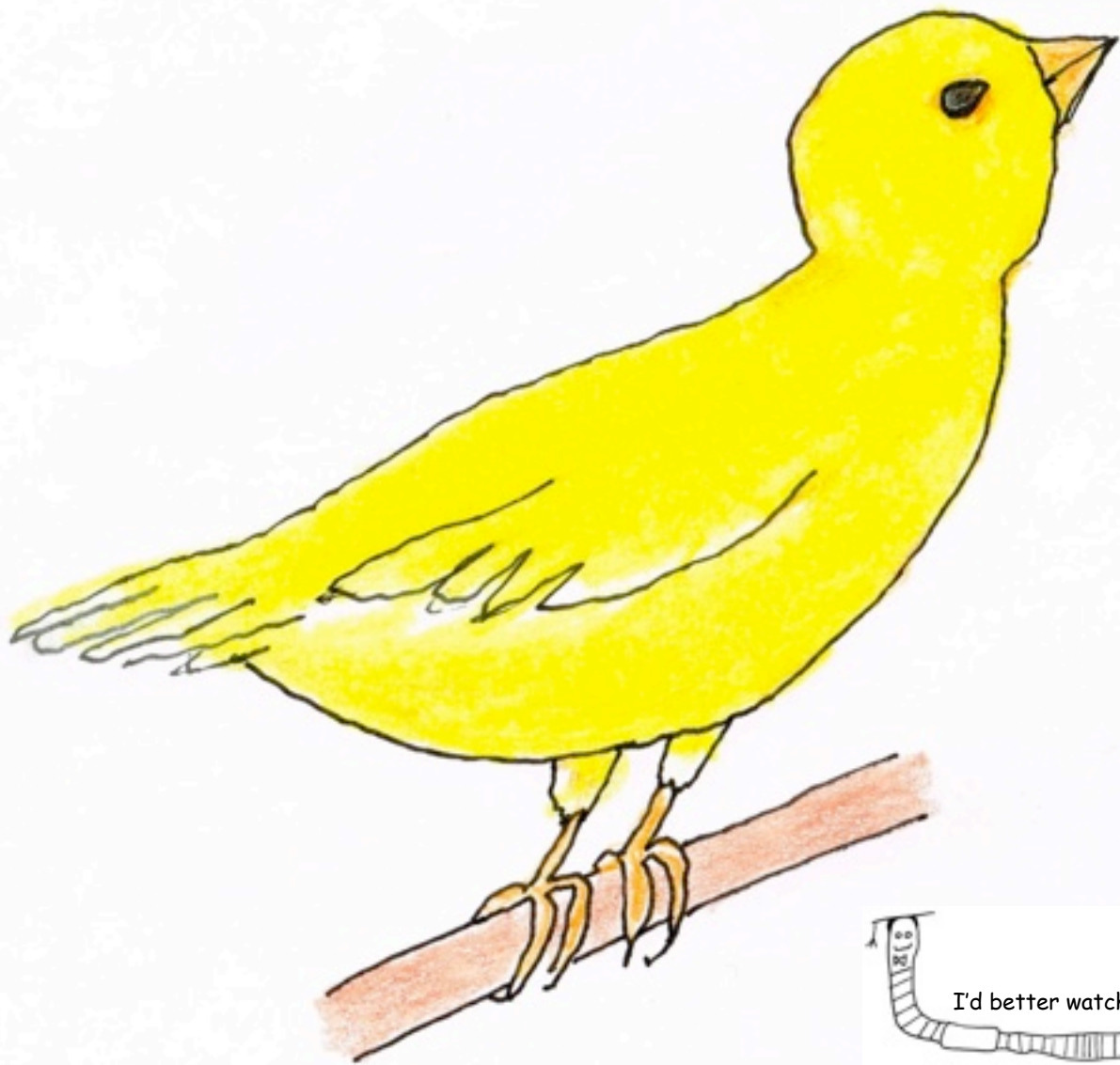
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**This map shows where the Canary Islands are in relation to other geographic features**

1. Can you name the countries and continents that are shown in this image?
2. What bodies of water are shown here?
3. What is the name of the area where the two major bodies of water meet?





I'd better watch out!

## CANARY

Popular as pets for their gorgeous bright yellow coloring and melodious song, canaries originated in the wild on the Canary Islands.

They can live up to an age of eight in the wild.

An adaptive creature, the canary can survive in many different habitats, including forests and woodlands.

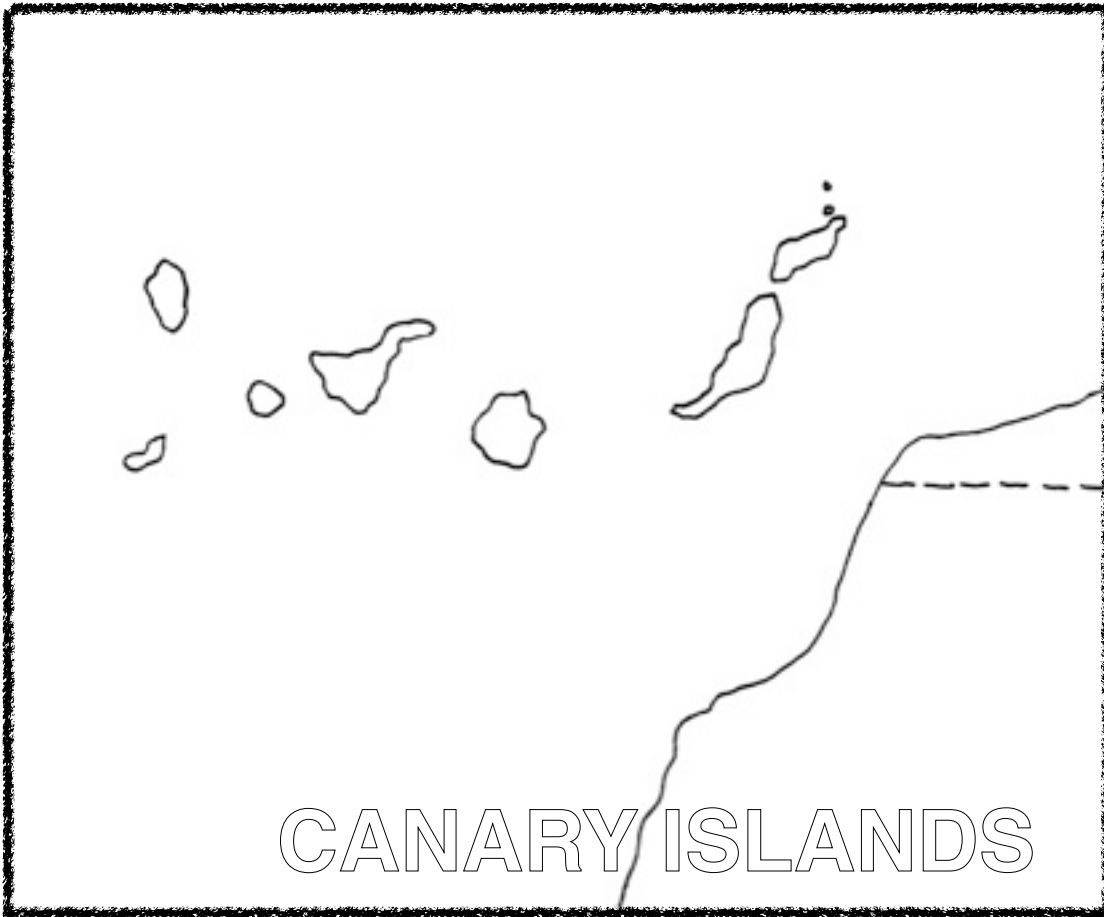
These birds are herbivores and forage for seeds and flower buds.

At certain times of the year, the canaries congregate in flocks containing hundreds of individuals. Luckily there are few threats to this species and they are not in danger of extinction. Although you might think the islands are named after this common bird, it is the opposite -- the bird is named for the islands.

# Canary Islands

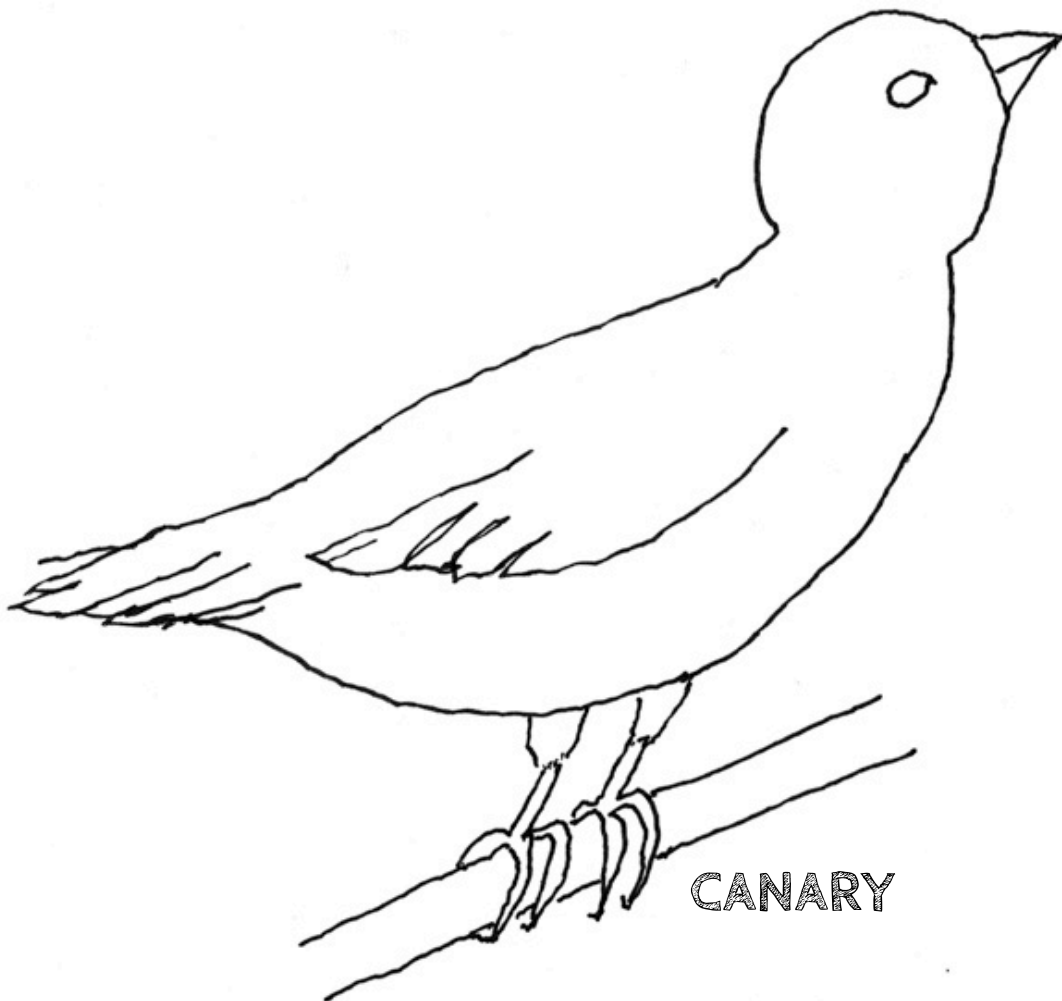
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ADD A COMPASS ROSE  
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## SPELLING WORDS

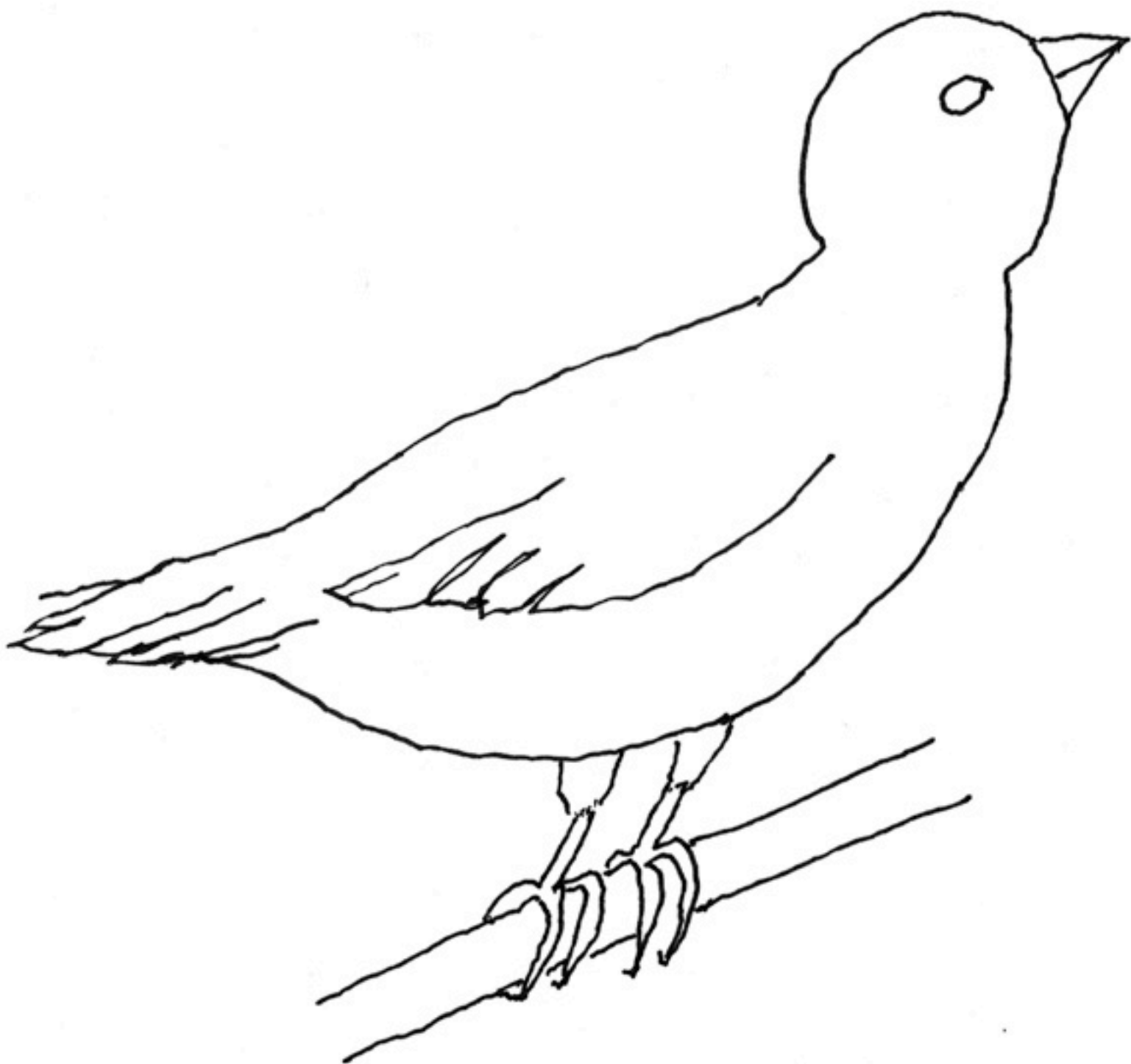
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## VOCABULARY WORDS

Turn your map over and  
define these words!

wingspan  
undertail  
juvenile  
plumage  
interbreed  
dunes  
forest  
forage  
domesticate  
incubation  
fledge  
subtropical  
ferry



CANARY

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# FLORA AND FAUNA!

The term “FLORA AND FAUNA” is a descriptive term that refers to plants and animals of an area.

So, the plant Echium Rubra (above) and the Loggerhead turtle (below) are examples of the flora and fauna of the Canary Islands.



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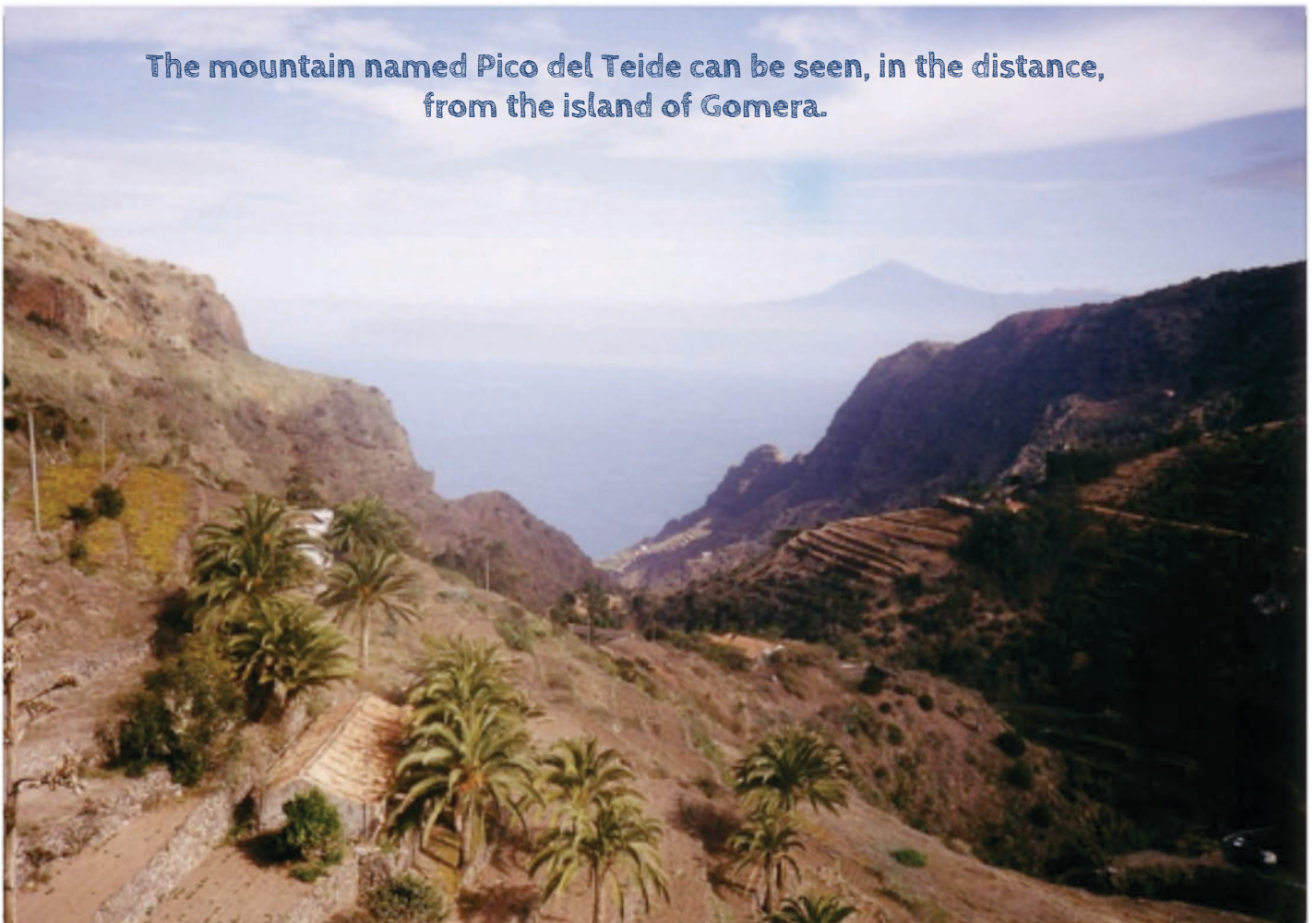
# WHISTLING LANGUAGE

One of the most interesting aspects of life in the Canary Islands comes from the smallest island of La Gomera. People “speak” across the rocky terrain using an ancient whistled language called “Silbo Gomero”.

See this [video from the BBC](#) which shows how kids are required to learn the language in school to keep the tradition alive!

There are narrow valleys and ravines on the island of Gomera island which makes it difficult to get around. Over the centuries, a very special whistling language evolved, called Silbo Gomera. This system of whistling is a real language, and has allowed herders and peasants to communicate with each other over distances. This language is only used on this island, although there are other places in the world where whistling is used as well.

The mountain named Pico del Teide can be seen, in the distance, from the island of Gomera.





Do you want to make your own Treasure Map? This map gives you a head start because some details have already been drawn in. It's up to you to finish drawing, labeling and coloring your map. Lastly, you can write detailed directions on how to get to your hidden treasure!

Be sure to read through the following instructions before you begin. This way, you won't miss any suggestions that can add interest to your map. Be as neat as possible when creating your map. Use your imagination and add those of your own!

**YOUR THEME**  
Decide first what your theme will be: is your map a pirate map, or an adventurer's guide? You can create a story of why the map was made. Or you can make a map to go along with a story you've read. What is your treasure, or your final destination—jewels, food, gold, or someone's house? It's up to you!

**LABELING and ADDING COLOR**  
When drawing the outlines of your map, labeling place names or creating symbols, a regular pencil works best. After labeling, you can add many colors to your map. Colored pencils are best, although crayons or markers would be fine. Remember to use appropriate colors, such as blue for water, green for forest.

**GEOGRAPHIC DETAILS**  
What will the landforms on your map look like? What will the surrounding bodies of water be? When drawing in coastlines, use as much of the space as possible. If the land area is very small you won't be able to draw in details easily.

1. Your map can depict an island, surrounded by water. Your coastline won't touch any of the borders of the map.
2. You can draw a small outline of a larger piece of land. To do this, extend the coastline to the border(s) of the map.
3. Your map can show several islands of varying sizes.
4. When drawing, include some waterways and geographic details to make your coastline more interesting. Show about peninsulas, lagoons, cape gulf, bay, delta, beach.

If you are unsure of the meaning of these terms, look them up in a dictionary or encyclopedia.

**MAP KEY**  
Some symbols have been shown in the Map Key, representing features of the land or water. Add these to your map. Invent new symbols for the Map Key, then draw them in on the map.

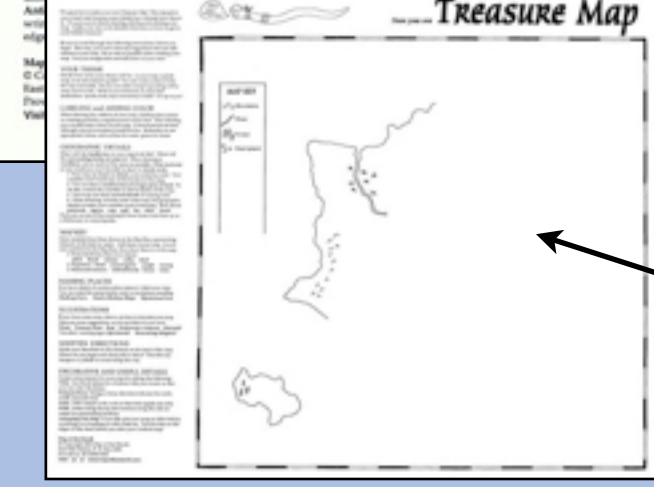
1. Some landforms that occur inland: plain, desert, volcano, valley, hill
2. Vegetation: forest, coastal grass, jungle, swamp
3. Manmade features: railroad tracks, house, mine

**NAMING PLACES**  
It is fun to think of creative place names to label your map. You can make the names funny, scary or mysterious sounding. *Whispering Cove, Mist of Broken Ships, Mysterious Cove*

**ILLUSTRATIONS**  
If you have some time, draw a picture to decorate your map. Here are some suggestions, or you can think of your own! *Pirate, Treasure chest, Boat, Underwater creature, Mermaid, Treasure, warning signs, Quicksand! Man-eating Alligator!*

**WRITTEN DIRECTIONS**  
Write your directions to the treasure on the back of the map. Where do you begin and what path is taken? Describe any dangers or pitfalls to avoid along the way.

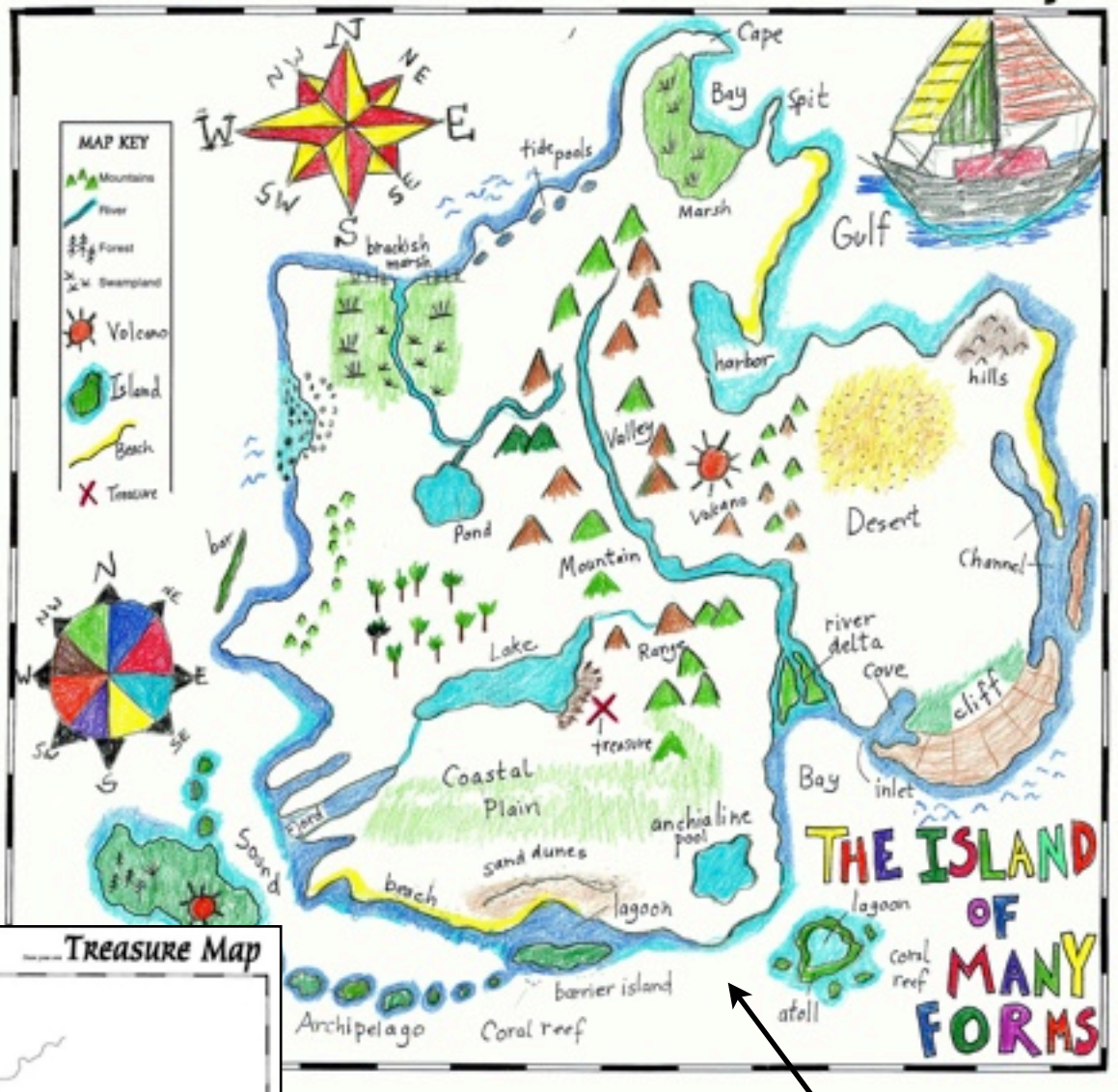
**DECORATIVE AND USEFUL DETAILS**  
Create extra interest for your map by adding the following:  
**Title:** Use block letters for whatever title you invent so that you can color the letters.  
**Compass Rose:** Design a fancy direction indicator for north, south, east and west.  
**Scale:** Add a simple scale, such as One inch equals one mile.  
**Grid:** Add lines that form a grid and numbers at the corners.



**BLANK MAP!**

**COMPLETED MAP!**

# Draw your own Treasure Map



**Make your own TREASURE MAP!.....**

Just as Robert Louis Stevenson did when he wrote his novel TREASURE ISLAND, you can design your own fictional map and write a story about it! Here is an example of a map someone made using our TREASURE MAP!



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WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE?

EARTH WORM SAYS:



# Daily World Map

Discover World Geography



Label and list over 200 geographic details of your choice on this map, such as continents, countries and other physical features such as oceans, mountain ranges or major rivers.

Add the geographic names to the lists below. Create categories if you like. For instance, one column could be labeled Bodies of Water. Or a list can represent one month of the school year- add one feature to your map a day!

If a name is too large to fit on the map, add the name to the list and assign a number to it. Then label the map with the number.

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