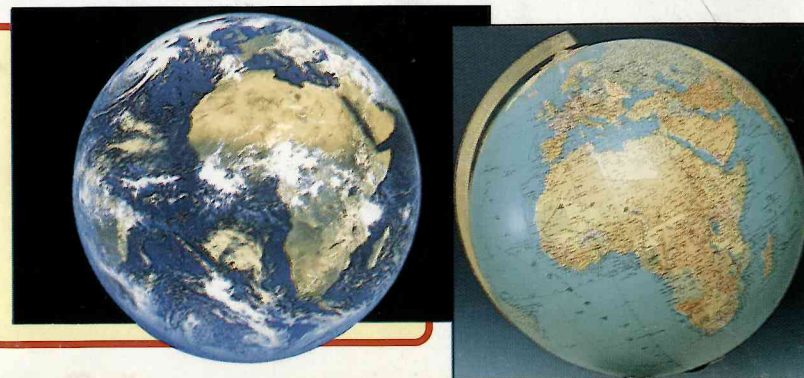


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The Earth is a sphere. Satellite photographs give us a clear picture of the Earth in space. A globe provides a good model of the Earth, however it is not easy to carry a globe around or keep it in a bag! To provide information in an easy-to-read way the Earth needs to be shown on a flat map. The problem with turning a sphere into a map is that parts of the sphere need to be stretched to fit the paper.



Population growth

Improvements in food production and in health care mean that fewer children die and adults live longer. As a result the Earth's population is rising rapidly.

