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# CELEBRATE BASIC WORLD GEOGRAPHY SKILLS

Basic does not mean boring! There certainly is nothing dull about . . .

- . . . visiting deserts and oases and icebergs and volcanoes
- . . . tracking down the deepest canyon in the world
- . . . wondering what's so wonderful about the world wonders
- . . . figuring out how far a barrel drops over one of the world's greatest waterfalls
- . . . getting to know some of the world's most interesting cities
- . . . telling the difference between Gabon, Gambia, and Ghana
- . . . planning a whirlwind trip around the world
- . . . adventuring around the deserts and jungles of Africa
- . . . becoming an expert on the waterways of the world
- . . . discovering that polar bears and penguins may not live where you thought
- . . . telling what time it is in Sri Lanka, Togo or Fiji

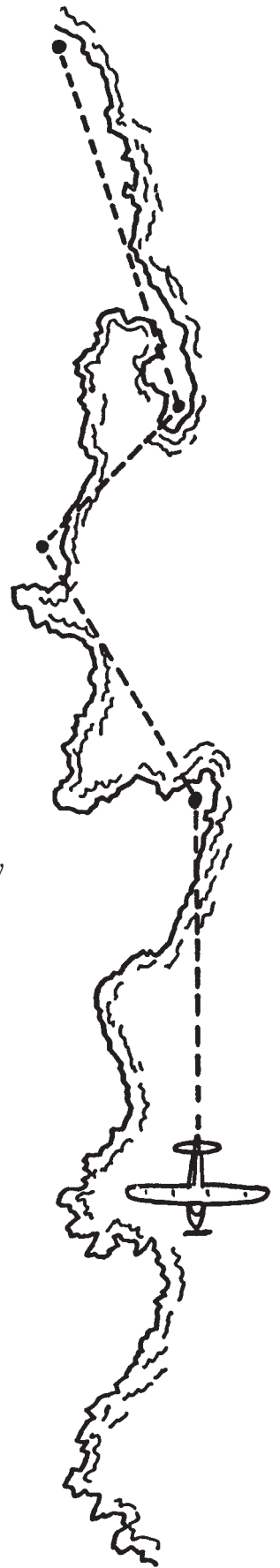
The idea of celebrating the basics is just what it sounds like—enjoying and improving geography skills. The pages that follow are full of exercises for students that will help to review and strengthen specific, basic skills in the content area of geography. This is not just another ordinary 'fill-in-the-blanks' way to learn. The activities will put students to work applying a rich variety of the most important facts and knowledge about many aspects of world geography while they enjoy fun and challenging activities about oceans and continents, countries and landmarks, cities and climates.

The pages in this book can be used in many ways . . .

- for individual students to sharpen a particular skill
- with a small group needing to relearn or strengthen a skill
- as an instructional tool for teaching a skill to any size group
- by students working on their own
- by students working under the direction of an adult

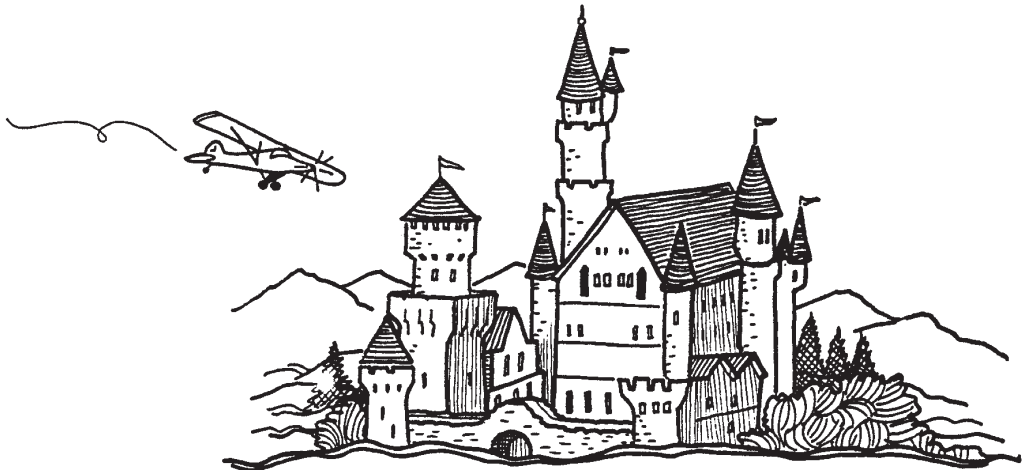
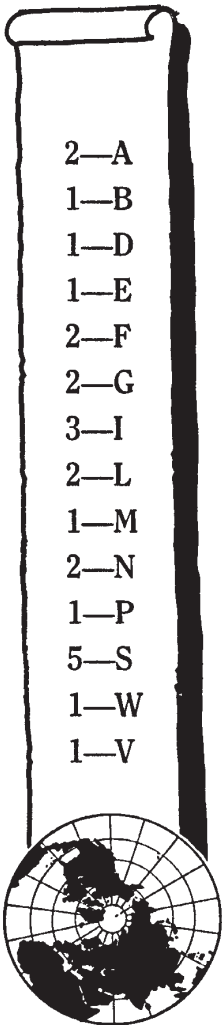
**Each page may be used to introduce a new skill, to reinforce a skill, or to assess a student's performance of a skill.** And, there's more than just the great student activities! You'll also find a hearty appendix of resources helpful for students and teachers—including a ready-to-use test for assessment of these world geography content skills.

As students take on the challenges of these adventures with spaces and places and wonders around the world, they will grow in their mastery of basic skills and will enjoy learning to the fullest. And as you watch them check off the basic world geography skills and knowledge they've strengthened, you can celebrate with them!



# WINDING THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE

Finding your way around one of the thousands of castles in Western Europe is like wandering through a maze. Hidden in this maze are the names of 25 western European countries or political entities. These include 3 small principalities, 3 political divisions of the United Kingdom, and 1 independent state which is the tiniest country in the world. Some names are found as you read from left to right. Others are in reverse or located vertically. Your task is to find each and circle the letters that make up the name of the country. The scroll below provides hints by giving you the first letter of each of the 25 names you are searching for. For example, two of the names begin with the letter A.



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