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Using a Map Scale



Family Note Your child is just learning how to use a map scale. He or she should use the scale to measure an as-the-crow-flies estimate for each problem. This expression refers to the most direct route between two points, disregarding road distance. Actual road distances are longer than these direct paths.

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For each question, circle all reasonable answers. (There may be more than one reasonable answer.) All distances are as the crow flies. Be sure to use the map scale on the next page.

1. About how many miles is it from New York to Los Angeles?

about 1,000 miles

more than the distance from Chicago to Dallas

about 2,400 miles

2. About how many miles is it from Chicago to Atlanta?

about 600 miles

more than the distance from Chicago to Seattle

less than the distance from Chicago to Denver

3. About how many miles is it from Seattle to Dallas?

about 2,600 miles

about 5,000 miles

more than the distance from New York to Chicago

4. About how many miles is it from New York to Atlanta?

less than the distance from Denver to Atlanta

more than the distance from New York to Portland

about 750 miles

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