



Parts of an Atlas	
Atlases are usually split into sections to make it easier to find the information you are looking for. They may contain:	
<b>contents page</b>	As in other books, a <b>contents page</b> lists each section in page order.
<b>world section</b>	Some atlases may contain a <b>world section</b> with global information, such as population, biomes, time zones and world flags.
<b>continents sections</b>	Some atlases may split their maps into continents.
<b>country sections</b>	Some atlases may split their maps by country.
<b>subregional sections</b>	Some atlases may split their maps into subregions, such as counties or states.
<b>index</b>	If you can't find the map you're looking for based on the sections in the <b>contents page</b> , you can look for the name of the place you're trying to find in the <b>index</b> . The <b>index</b> will give you page numbers for each map that place can be found on.

### Navigating an Atlas from the Contents Page

A **contents page** will usually show the sections of an atlas split into continents. If you wanted to find Brazil, you would need to find the section for South America, as that's the continent Brazil is in. You can then find the page numbers to find roughly where a map of Brazil might be included in the atlas.

2-3	World Map	34-35	Asia
4-5	World Time Zones	36-37	Middle East
6-7	World Biomes	38-39	India and South Asia
8-9	World Flags	40-41	China and East Asia
10-11	Key World Data	42-43	Indonesia
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12-13	United Kingdom and Ireland	44-45	North America
14-15	The British Isles	46-47	United States of America
16-17	Great Britain and Ireland	48-49	Mexico and the Caribbean
18	Scotland		
19	Wales	50-51	South America
20	England	52-53	Brazil and South America
21	Northern Ireland		
		54-55	Australasia
22-23	Europe	56-57	Antarctica
24-25	Northern Europe	58-59	Arctic Ocean
27-27	Southern Europe		
28-29	Africa	60-67	The World's Seas
30-31	Northern Africa		
32-33	Southern Africa	68-77	Index

50-51 | South America  
52-53 | Brazil and South America

### Navigating an Atlas from the Index Pages

The **index** pages are more detailed than the **contents page**. Locations are ordered alphabetically so, to find Brazil from the **index** pages, you would need to look under 'B', as you would in a dictionary.

Once you find Brazil, there will be a page number and a grid reference to help you find exactly where Brazil is in the atlas.

Botswana country 34 D1	Braintree town 21 E2
Bournemouth town 20 C1	Brasília capital 52 E5
Bracknell town 20 D2	Braşov town 33 J4
Bradford town 17 F2	Bratislava capital 30 J2
Braemar town 13 F2	Brazil country 52 C6
Braga town 32 C3	Brazilian Highlands 52 E5
Brahmaputra river 41 H3	Brazos river 46 G3

location → **Brazil** country → **52** → **C6** ← grid reference

location type → **Brazil** ← page number → **52**

## Key vocabulary:

<b>key</b>	This shows you which symbols are used on the maps and what they mean.
<b>compass</b>	A <b>compass</b> might be included on a map to show which way is north.
<b>grid references</b>	These are numbers and letters along the map's edges which help you to find the section of the map that you need. When you're looking for the correct section on the map, use the phrase 'along the corridor and up the stairs' to help you. <b>Grid references</b> can also be called coordinates.
<b>scale</b>	A <b>scale</b> may be included to help you to work out distances between locations on a map by scaling up the measurement.
<b>latitude</b>	This is shown by horizontal lines to represent how far north or south of the equator a location is.
<b>longitude</b>	This is shown by vertical lines to represent how far east or west of the Greenwich meridian a location is.
<b>locator map</b>	Atlases may contain a small map highlighting the page's map as part of a larger area, such as showing where on a world map you would find a specific country.

## What you might find on a page

**Brazil and South America** 0 200 400 600 800 1000 km ← **scale**

A B C D E F

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 ← **compass**

← **longitude**

← **latitude**

← **grid references**

← **key**

← **locator map**

**Key to Symbols**

- Capital city
- Main city/town
- Country boundary
- Road
- Railway
- Airport
- Lake
- Seasonal Lake
- River

**Land height above sea level**

- over 5000
- 1000-2000
- 500-1000
- 200 - 500
- 0-200