

## **scale** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Type of Speech:**

noun <sup>[2]</sup>

### **Definition:**

Maps are intentionally smaller than the area they show. The cartographer will use a scale, or a ratio, to show how many miles (or kilometers or feet) equal some length on the map. For instance, one inch may equal ten miles on a map of North Carolina, or one mile on a map of Charlotte.

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