BOLTSS

These six features should always appear on maps. They are referred to as BOLTSS to make them easier to remember:

• B Order - an outline or box which encloses the whole map and any related information listed below.
• O Orientation (direction) - usually a north arrow or compass diagram which shows the direction of north.
• L Legend (key) - a list which explains what each symbol, colour and pattern on the map stands for.
• T Title - a heading that describes the map and what it is showing.
• S Scale - shown as a marked line, a ratio, or in words; it indicates what distances on the map represent in real-life.
• S Source - where possible; this details where the information used to prepare the map came from.

Now examine the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) diagrammatic map shown below:

1. Which BOLTSS features are included on the map? Add labels to identify each of these.

2. Which BOLTSS features are not included on the map? Add those you are able to with identifying labels.

3. Which missing BOLTSS features were you not able to add?

4. Suggest what source/s the person who drew this diagrammatic map might have used?

References: SOSE Alive 1, p123 • Geoactive 1, pp8-9 • SOSE for Qld 1, p166 • Jacaranda SOSE 1 2E, p132
Jacaranda SOSE: Geography 1, p8 • SOSE Alive Geography 1, p3

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