

# 8 Tips for Editing Maps and Graphics

1. Don't proof your own work.
2. Read all type out loud.
3. Make a list—and check it off.
4. Pay attention to the legend and key.
5. Know and understand the data source.
6. Do the math.
7. Check for consistency.
8. Send it to an expert.

## Resources

*National Geographic Atlas of the World*, ninth edition, 2010

Mark Monmonier, *How to Lie with Maps*, second edition, 1996

Cartastrophe: Mistakes Were Made  
<http://cartastrophe.wordpress.com/>

Board on Geographic Names (BGN)  
Online database of domestic and foreign geographic names  
<http://geonames.usgs.gov/>

OpenStreetMap.org  
A wiki for maps around the world, including detailed city and street maps

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