

A TPR Geography Lesson

Put a map of France on the floor. I made mine on a shower curtain, taped to the wall, with a map projected on the curtain. Use a black marker to indicate country borders (France and the surrounding countries), red dots to indicate major cities, blue for water (rivers and surrounding oceans), and green peaks for mountain ranges. This same shower curtain map of France survived for over 15 years of geography lessons!

Other ideas for getting a map on the floor: outlined on the floor with tape, or simply an old map pulled off its roller.

Give commands to an individual student as with normal TPR, but add a location to the command. Example:

- Thérèse, va en Italie. Danse en Italie.
- Jérôme, marche dans les Alpes.
- Franck, va à Paris. Bien. Maintenant, chante.

Now ask questions!

- Qui est à Paris?
- Qui marche?
- Où est Jérôme?
- Que fait Thérèse?
- Où chante Franck?

My students all had blank paper maps of France that they labeled at their seats, three to five locales per day.