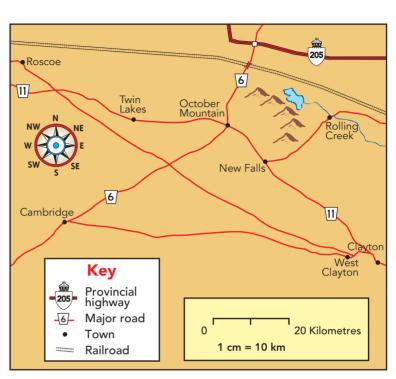


## **Using a Map Scale**

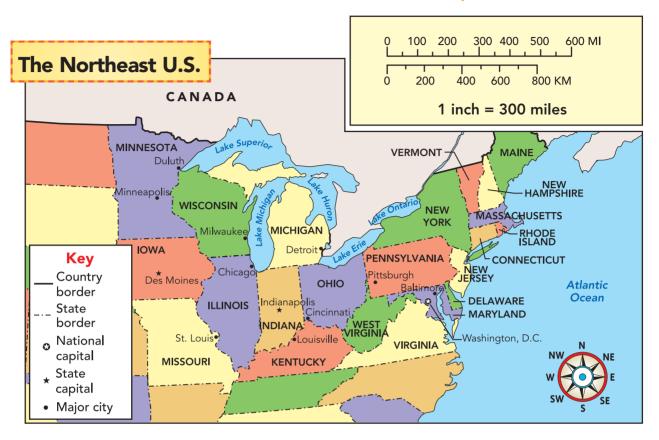
hen you are travelling, it is useful to know how far you have to go. To show distances accurately on a map, mapmakers use a scale. A map scale helps you measure distance on a map. Look at the scale on this map. It shows that 1 centimetre equals 10 kilometres. That means that 1 centimetrs on the map stands for 10 kilometres on Earth.



## Use a ruler to measure distances on the map. Circle the correct answers.

- I. From Twin Lakes to October Mountain, it is about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 25 kilometres
- b. 50 kilometres
- c. 80 kilometres
- 2. Between Clayton and New Falls there are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 4 kilometres
- b. 40 kilometres
- c. 60 kilometres
- 3. The distance from Cambridge to West Clayton is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 30 kilometres
- b. 75 kilometres
- c. 85 kilometres
- 4. The distance between Roscoe and West Clayton is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 90 kilometres
- b. 30 kilometres
- c. 100 kilometres





map scale usually shows distance in both miles and kilometres. A kilometre is a measurement in the metric system. A mile is a longer distance than a kilometre. On this map scale you can see that 300 miles is a longer distance than 400 kilometres. Notice that the abbreviation for miles is MI and the abbreviation for kilometres is KM. Use the map to answer these questions.

- 5. How many miles does one inch represent on this map? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How many miles is it from St. Louis to Cincinnati? About how many kilometres is this?
- 7. About how many miles is it from Milwaukee to Pittsburgh?
- 8. How many kilometres is it between Minneapolis and Des Moines?
- 9. About how many kilometres is it from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C.?