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Figure 2.1: Maps and photographs

1. Decide which of the above drawings maps are. Give reasons to support your views.
2. Which ones are photographs? Give reasons to support your views.
3. What kind of features can be shown on maps?
4. How can a photograph be useful when constructing a map of an area?
5. Write at least one sentence explaining what a map is and share it with the rest of the class.

A map is a special kind of drawing of the earth's surface. It can show the whole world or part of it. Again, you have learnt that we represent features on a map by means of outlines but not as pictures. The features on the ground are drawn in **plan** as if the observer is seeing them directly from the air.

On a map real features and places are represented using **symbols**. These may include signs, colours, shades and abbreviations. How do features appear on a photograph? The place on the map where all symbols are explained is called a key. You are going to learn more about these later in this topic.