

May Community Center Computer Class

Google Earth

● Activity 1 — Open Google Earth

DO THESE STEPS

1. Open Chrome or another web browser.
2. Type earth.google.com/web in the address bar.
3. Press **Enter**.
4. Wait until **Google Earth** appears.
5. Keep this Word exercise open and switch between it and **Google Earth** as needed.

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ I can see Google Earth.

💡 HELPFUL TIP

The **Google Earth** screen may look different from the pictures shown by the instructor.

↕ Activity 2 — Zoom In and Out

DO THESE STEPS

1. Switch to the **Google Earth** tab.
2. Point your mouse toward the United States.
3. Roll the **mouse wheel** forward to zoom in.
4. Keep zooming until you can recognize **Texas**.
5. Roll the wheel backward to zoom out.

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ I can zoom in to Texas and back out.

❖ Activity 3 — Move the Earth

DO THESE STEPS

1. Point to the Earth.
2. Press and hold the left mouse button.
3. Move the mouse while holding the button.
4. Release the button.
5. Repeat until **Texas** moves off the screen.
6. Drag in the opposite direction to bring **Texas** back.

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ I moved Texas off the screen and back.

🔍 Activity 4 — Search for Places

DO THESE STEPS

1. Find and select **Search** in **Google Earth**.
2. Type May Community Center, Huffman, **Texas** .
3. Press **Enter** and wait for the view to move.
4. **Search** for **Grand Canyon** .
5. **Search** for **Eiffel Tower** .

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ Google Earth flew to three places.

◆ Activity 5 — See the World in 3D

DO THESE STEPS

1. **Search** for **Grand Canyon** .
2. Zoom closer to the canyon.
3. Select the **3D** control if it appears.
4. Hold **Shift** and the left mouse button.
5. Gently drag the mouse to change your viewing angle.
6. Release the mouse button.

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ I viewed the Grand Canyon at an angle.

🔄 Activity 6 — Get Lost, Then Recover

DO THESE STEPS

1. Stay near the **Grand Canyon**.
2. Hold **Shift** and drag until the view looks confusing.
3. Release the mouse button.
4. Select the Earth view, then press **R to reset** its orientation.
5. Try N to orient north toward the top, and U for a straight-down view, if those shortcuts work in your version.

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ I restored the view after turning it.

💡 HELPFUL TIP

Select the Earth view before using keyboard shortcuts. R resets orientation; N and U may work depending on the version.

→ Activity 7 — Walk Down a Street

DO THESE STEPS

1. **Search** for **Eiffel Tower**, Paris .
2. Zoom in until nearby streets are visible.
3. Find the small person-shaped **Street View** control (**Pegman**).
4. Select the **Street View** control to show available blue locations.
5. Select a blue street or photo location.
6. Drag the picture to look left, right, behind, and ahead.
7. If street navigation arrows appear, select one to move forward.
8. Use the on-screen back or exit control to return to Earth.

✓ CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ I entered Street View, looked around, and exited.

💡 HELPFUL TIP

If no blue locations appear, try another nearby street. **Street View** is not available everywhere.

★ Activity 8 — Your Own Trip

DO THESE STEPS

1. Choose a place: an old school, a vacation spot, a famous landmark, or somewhere you have always wanted to visit.
2. **Search** for your place.
3. Zoom in and move around to explore it.
4. Try **3D** or **Street View** if available.
5. Return to a normal Earth view.