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With **beakman & jax**

Dear Jax,
 What would happen if the world was flat?
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 Question, name & address

Dear Johnnie,
 I don't think anyone can tell you exactly all the things that would happen. But I can tell you lots of stuff would be way different. More stuff than I can think of, that's for sure. Maybe you could e-mail me if *You Can* think of other changes.

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...you could see every single plane in the sky from any place on Earth – as long as clouds didn't get in your way.

...we'd have lots more photos of the planet. This one photo of the Earth is about the only one we ever see. It was taken in the 1960s back when people used to fly to the moon. We wouldn't need to leave the planet to photograph all the planet if the world was flat.

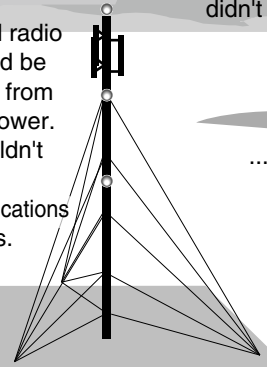


...all parts of the planet would have the same season at the same time.

...there would be no equator.

...we'd spend too much time wondering what was on the other side of all that flatness.

...all TV and radio signals could be transmitted from just one tower. We wouldn't need communications satellites.



...there would not be a horizon.



...you'd be able to see the Egyptian pyramids from the Sears Tower in Chicago. In fact, "as far as the eye can see" would mean the **whole world**.

...you couldn't take a trip around the world.



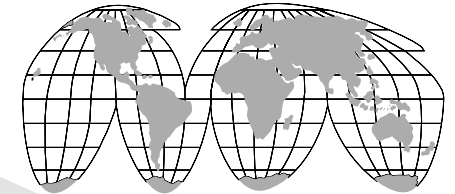
IF THE WORLD WERE FLAT...

...the two towers of the Golden Gate bridge would be the same distance apart at the top and at the bottoms of the towers.

The towers are not parallel.



...map making would be a lot easier. A flat Earth would fit on a flat map without any stretched-out countries or cut-up continents.



P.S. from Beakman: The different thing that I love a lot as an idea is that a flat world would have an edge – a place the world ends. And so what would be over that edge?

