

GEOGRAPHY · GRADES 1–2

Compass Directions

Eight ways to point

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1

N — North

Up on most maps.

Example: Towards the North Pole.

2

S — South

Down on most maps.

Example: Towards the South Pole.

3

E — East

Right on most maps.

Example: Where the sun rises.

4

W — West

Left on most maps.

Example: Where the sun sets.

5

NE — Northeast

Halfway between N and E.

6

SE — Southeast

Halfway between S and E.

7

SW — Southwest

Halfway between S and W.



8

NW — Northwest

Halfway between N and W.

Treasure map

1. Imagine a map. Start at the X. Go 3 squares north, 2 east, 1 south. Where are you?
2. From the same X: 4 squares west, 5 north, 2 northeast. Describe what you'd see.
3. Draw your own simple treasure map. Include north, south, east, west on a compass rose.

Write 5 directions to the treasure.

4. If you walk EAST then turn LEFT, what direction do you face?
5. If your friend says they live north of you, and you live south of the school, where is the school in relation to your friend?

