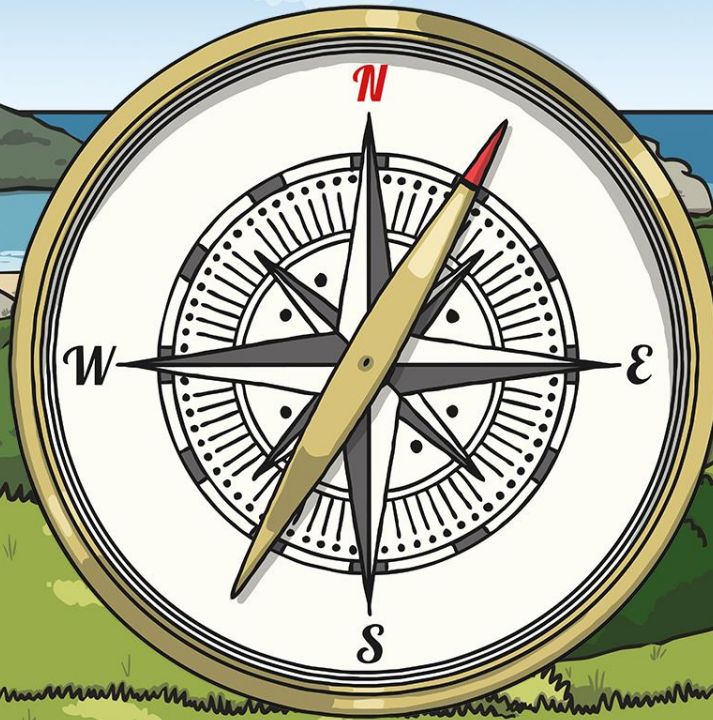


Compass Points



What Is a Compass?

Compasses have been used for over 2000 years.

A compass is an important tool for finding direction. It helps you to find your way when you are using a map.

There are four main points of the compass: north, east, south and west. These are called compass points.



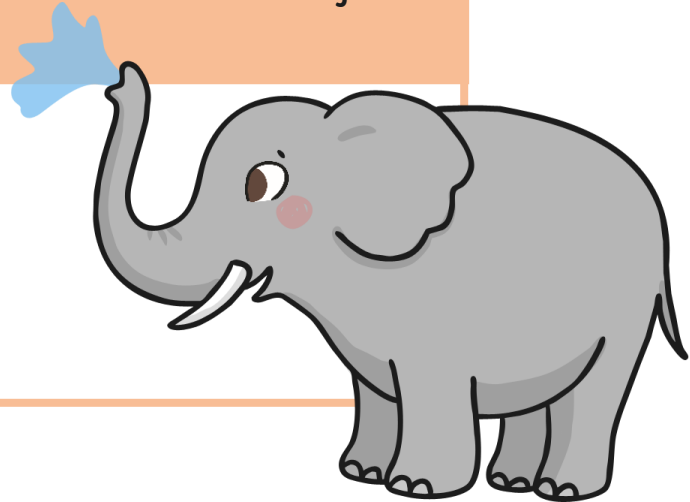
Can you think of an easy way to remember the order of the compass points?

For example:

Never **E**at **S**our **W**orms

or

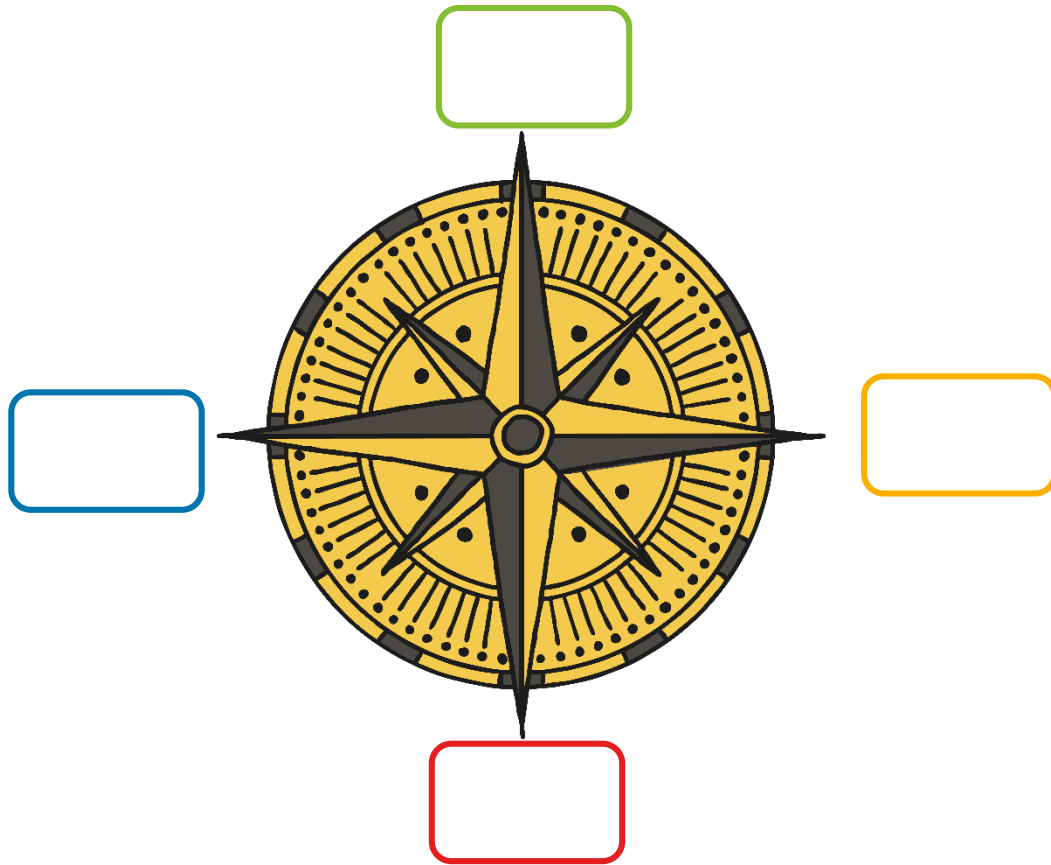
Never **E**at **S**oggy **W**heat biscuits



Compass Points Quiz

What is missing from the compass?

Click the boxes to reveal the answers.



Using a Compass

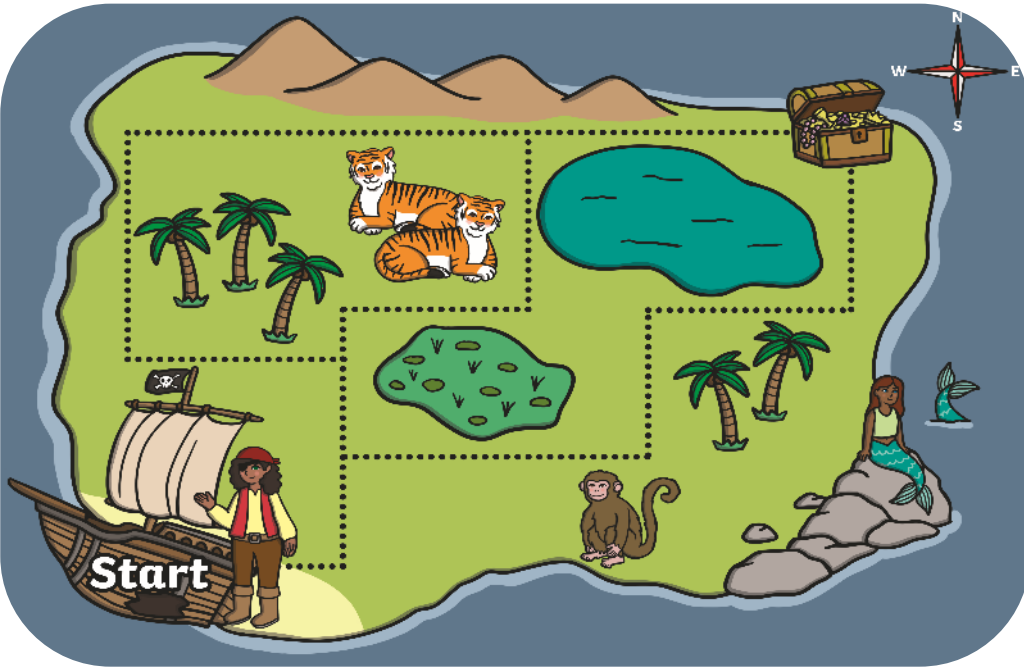
The needle on a compass moves freely around the dial, always searching for north. Once the compass points to north, this helps someone to see where east, south and west are located.

Using a compass, see where north is from where you are sitting.

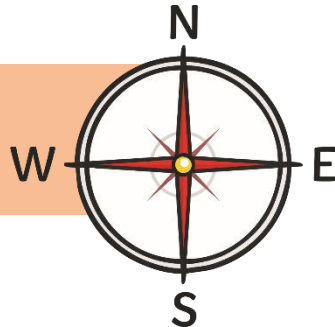
Which way is east, south or west?



Using a Compass



All maps should have a compass rose.



North always points to the top of the map.

Using the compass rose, which directions does the pirate need to follow to reach the treasure?

Start at the shipwreck and write down the directions.

Is there another way?
Write down the directions
for this second way.

More Compass Points

What do you notice about these compasses?



Some compasses can be divided into eight with these letters. What do you think they mean?

NE north-east

SE south-east

NW north-west

SW south-west

answers

