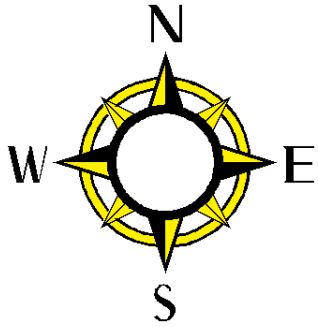


Finding It On the Map

Which Direction?

Reading maps is easy if you know which direction you're headed in. There are four basic directions you need to know: North, East, South and West. An easy way to remember is using a helper word like NEWS.



One way for you to tell which direction you're facing is where the sun is located. The sun always rises in the

east and sets in the west.

If you have a compass, the arrow will always point north.

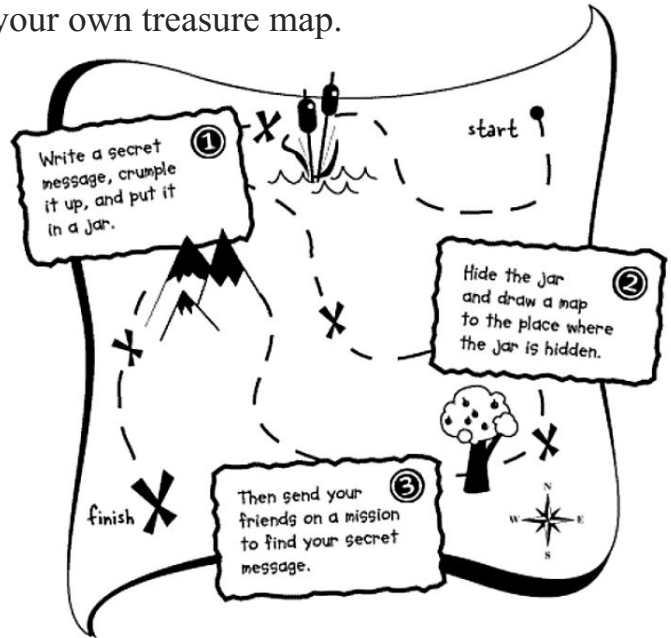
The Map Scramble

Can you unscramble these words to discover what these map words are?

- PMA _____
- ORNHT _____
- TSOHU _____
- SEAT _____
- TWES _____
- MPOSCAS _____
- NSU _____
- CLASE _____
- ITTTLE _____
- DNGEEL _____
- BMSYOL _____
- ORSE _____

Creating A Treasure Map

Use the directions on the map below to create your own treasure map.



Parts of a Map Explained

Title: The title is one of the most important parts of a map. It tells you what map you're looking at.

Compass Rose: This helps you find which direction you need to go in.

Cardinal Directions: These are north, east, south and west.

Symbols: These are used to indicate areas that would be too difficult to draw on a map, like mountains and towns.

Legend: This tells you what all the symbols on a map are.

Scale: The scale is a way to easily measure distance. For example, one inch on the map may equal 10 miles on the earth.

Activity:

Label the parts of a map using the words above on the map provided by your teacher.

Using Google Maps

One of the best resources on the Internet for mapping comes from Google. You can use their site to look at a street map, satellite or terrain.

Activity:

Go to maps.google.com on your web browser. Enter the address for your school (if they can't find your school, try a national landmark like the White House). Look at each type of map available then answer the following questions:

1. Name three streets near your school.
2. Describe the area around your school based on the satellite picture. Are there trees? Bodies of water?
3. Using the terrain map, what land forms make up the area around your school?
4. What direction is the front door of the school facing?
5. What direction is your house from the school?

The ABCs of Your Town

Create an ABC book to describe the place in which you live. When completed, the book should tell readers what life in your town is like.

What You Need:

- Paper (27 pages)
- Hole Punch
- Markers, crayons, color pencils
- Yarn

What to Do:

1. Make three holes along the left side of each page (the short side of the page should be at the top and bottom). Use three pieces of yarn to tie the book together.
2. Decorate the cover.
3. For each letter of the alphabet draw something relating to your town. The word used could describe a unique physical feature, the weather, or the people and their traditions.

When you've completed your book, you can display it in your classroom or in the school library.

Discovering Where You Live

What You Need:

- Map of your town
- Pushpins

What to Do:

1. On a large map of your town, like the one in the picture, use a pushpin to mark where the school is then where your house is located.

Questions:

How far away are you from school?

How far away do you live from the person who sits in front of you?

