



**Topic: Compass Points**

**Year: 3**

**Strand: Geographical skills and fieldwork**

**What should I already know?**

In Key Stage One you used simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map



**Key Vocabulary**

Compass	A compass is an instrument that you use for finding directions. It has a dial and a magnetic needle that always points to the north.
North	The north is the direction which is on your left when you are looking towards the direction where the sun rises.
Map	A map is a drawing of a particular area such as a city, a country, or a continent, showing its main features as they would appear if you looked at them from above.
Symbol	A symbol of something such as an idea is a shape or design that is used to represent it.
Settlement	A settlement is a place where people have come to live and have built homes.
Contour Line	A line on a map or chart joining points of equal height or depth
Key	The key on a map or diagram or in a technical book is a list of the symbols or abbreviations used and their meanings.

**What will I know by the end of the unit?**

Name the 8 points on a compass	N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW, N
If I make a quarter turn clockwise from north which way am I facing?	East
What does a symbol for a church look like?	A small cross
What does a key do?	Tells you what the symbols mean?
What do contour lines tell you on a map?	Where there are hills
Where would people often build settlements?	Near water, near transport links, somewhere safe

**Geographic Enquiry**

- Use maps, atlases, globe and digital mapping to locate countries and describe the features studied.
- Use the eight points of a compass.

**Objectives**

Use **symbols** and **keys** (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the UK and the wider world

Use 8 points of a compass to build knowledge of the UK and the wider world

**Useful Websites**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=compass%20points>