

Finn's Map Mastery Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use key map features, including the compass rose, map symbols, and the grid system.

Finn the Dolphin is mapping a new part of the ocean! He has forgotten some of the important labels on his map. Use the word bank to fill in the blanks in each sentence to explain how the map works. Then, use your knowledge to solve the final puzzle.

Word bank: North · Symbol · Key · Grid · South · East · West

1. To find out which direction is up on the map, Finn looks at the compass rose to find _____. (1 mark)
2. If Finn wants to swim to the left of the map, he is heading _____. (1 mark)
3. A small picture used on a map to represent a real-life object (like a lighthouse) is called a _____. (1 mark)
4. To understand what all the different pictures on the map mean, Finn must check the map _____. (1 mark)
5. Finn uses a _____ of squares to help him give the exact location of a sunken treasure chest. (1 mark)
6. If Finn swims in the opposite direction to North, he is swimming _____. (1 mark)
7. Finn sees a golden shell to the right of his current position. Which cardinal direction is he travelling towards? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a small map of a fictional island. Include a compass rose, a map key with three different symbols (e.g., a palm tree, a mountain, and a sandy beach), and a simple 4x4 grid.



Extension challenge: Can you add the 'intercardinal' points to your compass rose? Label the directions between the main four (North-East, South-East, South-West, and North-West).