

Map Skills Adventure with Finn

Learning objective: To understand and use key map skills including compass directions, symbols, and grid references.

Read the question or term on the front of the card, then flip it over to check if your answer is correct!

What are the four main cardinal points on a compass?

North, South, East, and West

What is a Map Key?

A box that explains what the symbols and colours on a map mean

What is a Map Scale?

A tool that shows the relationship between the distance on a map and the real distance on the ground

What do we call the lines and numbers that form squares on a map to help us find locations?

Grid References

If Finn the Dolphin is swimming North and makes a right-hand turn, which direction is he swimming now?

East

What is a Symbol?

A simple picture or shape used on a map to represent a real-world feature, like a tree or a church

What is a Compass Rose?

A figure on a map that shows the directions (North, South, East, and West)

Which direction is opposite to South?

North

Why do maps use symbols instead of writing everything out in words?

To keep the map clear and easy to read without too much text

In a grid reference, do you read the numbers along the bottom (eastings) or the side (northings) first?

You read the numbers along the bottom first

What direction is halfway between North and East?

North East

If a map scale says 1cm equals 1km, how far is a distance of 5cm on the map in real life?

5 kilometres