

Finn's Great Geography Expedition

Learning objective: To use and interpret map symbols, compass directions, and a map key to describe a location.

Finn the dolphin is mapping a brand new part of the ocean! Use your map skills to help him fill in this expedition fact-file. Look at your map carefully to identify the features and directions.

Word bank: North · South · East · West · Legend · Symbol · Compass Rose · Scale · Coordinates · Landmark

1. The Map Key: Explain what a map key (or legend) is used for and why it is important for Finn's map. (2 marks)

2. Compass Directions: If Finn swims from the Coral Reef to the Shipwreck, which cardinal direction is he travelling in? (1 mark)

3. Identifying Symbols: Pick two symbols from the map. What do they represent in the real world? (2 marks)

4. Mapping a Route: Describe the journey from the Sandy Bay to the Deep Sea Cave using at least two different compass directions. (3 marks)

5. The Importance of Scale: Why does Finn need a scale on his map instead of just drawing the ocean as big as he can? (2 marks)

6. Creating a Landmark: If Finn found a hidden treasure chest, what symbol would you design for the key to represent it? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you draw a small compass rose in the corner of your page and label the four main points (N, S, E, W) and the four intermediate points (NE, SE, SW, NW)?