

Grade 3 Geography: Mastering Map Skills

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of map symbols, the four cardinal points of a compass, and the use of grids to locate places.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Make sure to label your drawings clearly. Good luck!

Word bank: North · South · East · West · Legend · Key · Scale · Grid Reference · Compass Rose · Symbol

1. What is the purpose of a map key (or legend)? (2 marks)

2. Finn the dolphin is looking at a map of the coast. He sees a small blue line and a small green tree symbol. What do these symbols usually represent on a map? (2 marks)

3. Name the four main cardinal points of a compass. (2 marks)

4. If you are facing North and you turn 90 degrees to the right, which direction are you now facing? (1 mark)

5. Why is a map scale important when looking at a map of a large area, such as the United Kingdom? (3 marks)

6. Max the monkey has a map with a grid. He is at square A1. To get to the treasure at square C3, explain which directions he needs to move (e.g., how many squares East and how many squares South). (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are designing a map of a new theme park. Explain how you would use symbols and a key to make sure visitors can find the ice cream store, the toilets, and the main entrance without using long sentences. (5 marks)

Draw: In the space provided, draw a compass rose showing North, South, East, and West. Then, create three original symbols for a map: one for a 'Library', one for a 'Park', and one for a 'Hospital'.



Extension challenge: Total: /25