

Mastering Map Skills with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To understand and use key geographical vocabulary to read and interpret maps.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to help you navigate your way around a map! The terms are grouped into Map Basics, Direction and Scale, and Symbols.

Map A drawing of an area of land or sea sh...	Atlas A book of maps of the world, or a speci...	Globe A spherical model of the Earth.
Compass Rose A figure on a map used to s...	North The direction towards the North Pole.	South The direction opposite to North.
East The direction where the sun rises.	West The direction where the sun sets.	Scale The relationship between the distance...
Key A list of symbols used on a map and wh...	Legend Another word for a map key.	Symbol A small picture or sign used to repre...
Grid Reference A set of numbers or letters ...	Coordinates A pair of numbers used to pinp...	Bird's-eye view A view of an area from direc...
Cartographer A person who draws or produ...	Contour Line A line on a map joining points ...	Landmark An object or feature of a landsca...
If Finn the Dolphi...	Why is a map key...	Explain the differ...
If a map scale sa...	Imagine you are a...	