

Mapping the Meadow with Finn

Learning objective: To use four-figure grid references to locate features on a map.

Finn the dolphin is helping us map out his favourite meadow. Follow the steps below to draw your map and then use your grid knowledge to answer the questions.

Draw: Draw a 4x4 grid on your page. Label the bottom horizontal lines 1 to 4 from left to right, and the side vertical lines 1 to 4 from bottom to top. Inside the grid squares, draw a winding river, a large oak tree, a small picnic bench, a bridge crossing the river, and a colourful patch of flowers. Use a clear, hand-drawn style with labels from the word bank pointing to your illustrations.



Label words: River · Oak Tree · Picnic Bench · Bridge · Flower Patch · North · East

Steps:

1. Finn is sitting by the River in square (1, 1). Label this square on your map.
2. If the Flower Patch is in square (3, 2), explain how you found it using the grid lines.
3. Draw a Bridge in square (2, 3). What are the grid coordinates for the square directly to the right of it?
4. The Picnic Bench is at (4, 4). Is this in the top-right or bottom-left corner of the map? Explain why.
5. If you move from square (1, 2) to square (1, 3), have you moved North or East?