

Finn's Guide to Mastering Maps

Grab your compass and join Finn the dolphin on a global adventure—let's map the world!

- A Compass Rose shows the cardinal directions: North, South, East, and West, helping us orient our map correctly.
- The Map Key explains what the symbols mean, such as a small blue square for a swimming pool or a green tree for a forest.
- Grid References allow us to pinpoint a specific location on a map using a combination of letters and numbers.
- Map Scale helps us calculate real-world distances; for example, 1cm on a map might represent 1 kilometre in the real world.
- Contour lines are brown lines drawn on a map that show the steepness of the land; the closer the lines are, the steeper the hill.

Did you know? Did you know? The very first maps were not drawn on paper, but scratched into cave walls and clay tablets thousands of years ago! Today, we use satellites to make our maps incredibly accurate.

Key vocabulary: Grid Reference · Compass Rose · Scale · Key · Ordnance Survey · Contour Lines