

Finn's Great Map Adventure

Learning objective: To understand how maps use symbols, keys, and compass directions to help us find our way.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank if you need help with the meanings of words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin loves to explore the coastline. Today, he is helping his friends find their way to the hidden sandy cove. Finn carries a special map. It has a key at the bottom. A small blue circle represents a water fountain, and a green tree symbol stands for the park.

Finn looks at his compass. The needle points North towards the tall cliffs. He tells his friends to follow the path East. They walk past the school and the library. The route is easy to follow because the map shows them exactly where to go. Without the map, they might get lost in the winding lanes. Finn points to a red cross on the paper. "That is our destination!" he cheers. His friends are happy because they know exactly how to reach the beach. Maps are very useful tools for explorers. They help us understand our world and find our way home safely.

Word bank: Symbol: A small picture on a map that stands for a real place. · Key: A list that explains what the map symbols mean. · Compass: A tool that shows directions like North, South, East, and West. · Route: The path taken to get from one place to another.

1. What are two things that the map symbols stand for in the story? (2 marks)

2. Which tool does Finn use to see which direction is North? (1 mark)

3. Why does Finn think the map is important for his friends? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Finn feels when he reaches the red cross on the map? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to know how to read a map? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple map of your school or your street. Include a key at the bottom with three symbols (like a house, a tree, and a path) and draw a compass rose in the corner.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn. Write two sentences about a place you would like to visit and name one thing you would put on your map to help people find it.