

# Finn's Explorer Map Template

*Learning objective: To develop spatial awareness and understanding of simple maps by identifying key features in a familiar environment.*

Help Finn the dolphin explore! Think about the path from your front door to your classroom or a favorite place in your garden. Use this template to create your own map and describe the important landmarks you see on your journey.

*Word bank: path · tree · gate · sign · left · right · straight · landmark · near · far*

## 1. My Special Journey: Where are you starting your map from and where is the final destination?

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## 2. Landmark Hunt: Name two things you see on your way (for example, a big red mailbox or a tall oak tree).

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## 3. Direction Check: Do you turn left, turn right, or go straight ahead to reach your destination?

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## 4. Map Symbols: If you were drawing a pond or a store on your map, what shape would you use to show it?

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## 5. Explorer's Note: Why is it helpful to have a map when you are visiting a place you have never been before?

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*Extension challenge: Use a piece of paper to draw a bird's-eye view map of your bedroom or classroom. Can you add a 'Key' at the bottom to show what your colors or symbols mean?*