

Finn's Ocean Mapping Adventure

Learning objective: To understand that a map is a drawing of a place from above and to use simple positional language to describe locations.

Help Finn the dolphin explore the coral reef. Look at the map provided by your teacher and answer the questions below to help Finn find his way home.

Finn the dolphin uses a map to swim safely through the ocean. A map shows us where things are, like the sandy beach, the deep blue sea, and the colorful coral reef. When we look at a map, we are looking at the world from high up in the sky!

Word bank: map · top · bottom · left · right · symbol · above

1. Finn is starting at the sandy beach. Is the coral reef to the left or the right of the beach on your map? (2 marks)

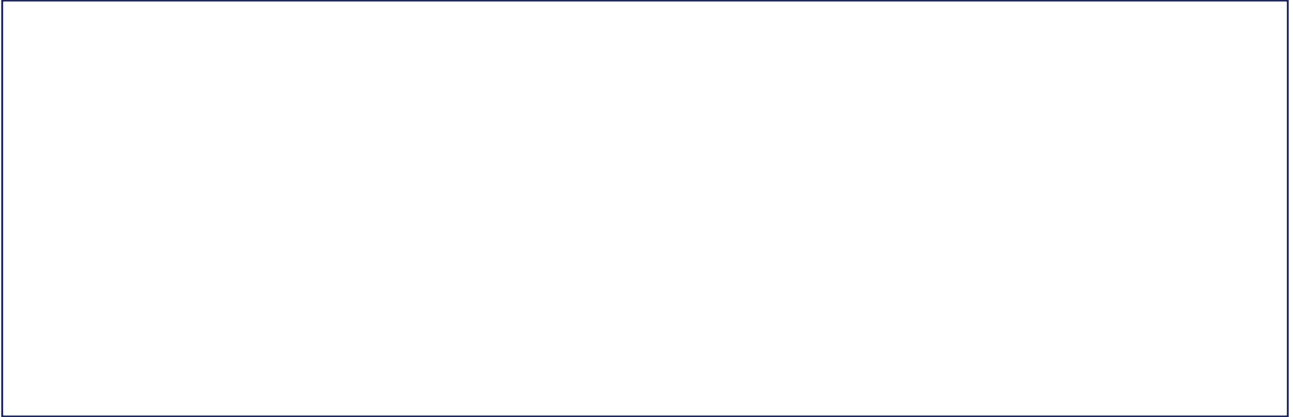
2. If you wanted to show a treasure chest on your map, what shape or 'symbol' would you draw to represent it? (2 marks)

3. Look at the map. Which object is at the very top of the page? (1 mark)

4. Finn wants to swim to the seagrass patch. Describe how he gets there from the coral reef using words like 'up', 'down', or 'across'. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think Finn uses a map instead of just swimming randomly in the ocean? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple map of your journey from your classroom door to your favorite spot in the playground. Include at least three things you walk past, like a tree, a bench, or a gate.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a map of their journey from the classroom door to a favorite spot in the playground.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer! Create a 'treasure map' of your bedroom or living room. Can you add a 'X' to mark the spot where you keep your favorite book?