

Finn's Map Explorer Guide

Learning objective: To use map symbols, keys, and compass directions to describe a local area.

Hello! I am Finn the dolphin. Maps help us find our way around the world. Look at your local map. Use this guide to help you explain what you can see. Fill in the boxes below using the words from the word bank to help you.

Word bank: North · South · East · West · Key · Symbol · Compass · Map

1. The Map Key: What does a symbol on your map stand for? Choose one symbol and write what it means here. (2 marks)

2. Compass Directions: Look at your map. Which important building or place is to the North of your school? (2 marks)

3. Describing the Route: If you walk from the school to the shops, which direction do you move in? Use a compass word. (2 marks)

4. Why do we use a map? Write one reason why a map is useful for a traveller. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Draw a map of your journey from your front door to your school. Remember to add a key to show what the symbols represent!