



YEAR 2 COMPASS DIRECTIONS



FINDING YOUR WAY: COMPASS DIRECTIONS

When we go outside, we can use directions to help us find our way. A special tool called a compass shows us where to go. It has a needle that always points north.

THE FOUR MAIN DIRECTIONS

There are four main directions on a compass. They are:

- **North (N)** – This is at the top of a map.
- **South (S)** – This is at the bottom of a map.
- **East (E)** – This is on the right side of a map.
- **West (W)** – This is on the left side of a map.

A fun way to remember these is: "**Never Eat Shredded Wheat**". The first letter of each word matches a direction!

HOW A COMPASS HELPS US

A compass helps people find their way when walking, driving, or sailing. Explorers and adventurers use compasses to travel to new places.

SUN AND SHADOWS

If you do not have a compass, you can use the sun to help you. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. If you stand in the morning and face the sun, east is in front of you, west is behind you, north is on your left, and south is on your right.

FUN FACTS ABOUT DIRECTIONS

- Birds use the sun and the stars to find their way when they travel.
- Some animals, like turtles, use the Earth's magnetic field to know where to go.
- Long ago, sailors used the stars and the wind to help them travel across the ocean.

PRACTICE AT HOME

You can practise directions at home! Try standing in your garden or a park and point to north, south, east, and west. See if you can find where the sun rises and sets.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What are the four main directions on a compass?
2. Which direction does a compass needle always point to?
3. What is a fun way to remember the order of the four directions?
4. How can the sun help you find directions?
5. Name one way animals find their way when they travel.