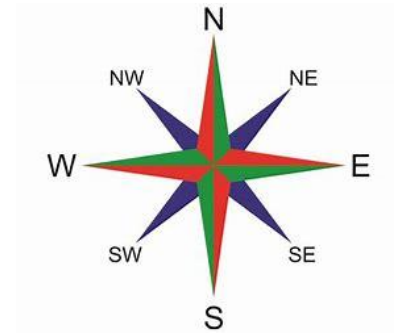




YEAR 3 8-POINT COMPASS



WHAT IS A COMPASS

A compass is a tool for finding directions. Its needle always points north. People use compasses when reading maps to help them know where to go.

THE 8-POINT COMPASS

The 8-point compass has more directions than just north. It helps people be more precise when giving directions. The eight points are:

- **North (N)**
- **North-East (NE)**
- **East (E)**
- **South-East (SE)**
- **South (S)**
- **South-West (SW)**
- **West (W)**
- **North-West (NW)**

Each point helps people describe where something is or which way to travel.

WHAT IS AN ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP?

An Ordnance Survey map is a special map that shows places, roads, rivers, hills, and buildings. It helps people find their way and explore new areas. These maps often have symbols to show things like churches, forests, and railway stations.

USING A COMPASS WITH AN ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP

When using an Ordnance Survey map, people look at the compass to find out which way they are facing. For example, if someone is standing at a church and wants to go to a river in the east, they will use the compass to walk in the right direction.



WHY IS A COMPASS USEFUL?

A compass is useful because it helps people travel safely. Hikers, explorers, and even rescuers use compasses and Ordnance Survey maps to find their way.

By learning how to use a compass, you can always know where you are going!

FIND OUT MORE...

[BBC Bitesize - How to read a map](#)

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What does a compass needle always point to?
2. How many directions are on an 8-point compass? Name them.
3. What is an Ordnance Survey map used for?
4. If you are facing north and turn to the right, which direction will you be facing?
5. Why do hikers and explorers use a compass and an Ordnance Survey map?