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Compass Rose

A compass rose is a tool used to help read a printed map or chart.



The compass rose shows the four main directions on a map, plus four additional directions. The four main directions are North, South, East, and West. These are usually shown as an N, S, E, and W. The four additional directions are Northeast (NE), Southeast (SE), Northwest (NW), and Southwest (SW).

Some people call a compass rose a windrose or Rose of the Winds. Have you ever seen a map that had a compass rose? Check the corners of a map since this is where you will usually find one.

1. What are two other names for the compass rose? _____

2. What is a compass rose used for on a map or chart? _____

3. What are the four main directions shown by the compass rose?

4. What other four directions are usually shown by the compass rose?

5. Draw an arrow on your paper that points Northeast. _____