

Grade 4

Social Science : Geography

Lesson 2 : Map Skills - Compass Directions

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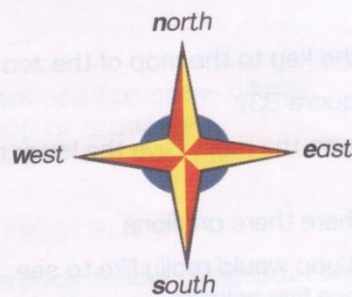
Compass Directions

In this unit you will learn:

- What are compass directions?
- Compass directions in the local area.
- Compass direction on a map.

Unit 4: Compass directions

Compass directions are a special way of describing where places are. We use compass directions instead of words like left, right, top, and bottom. The four main compass directions are north, south, east and west.



The four main compass directions

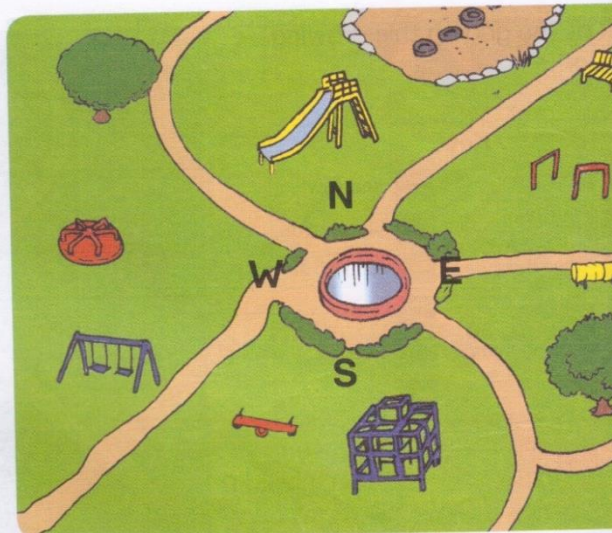
Here is a way of remembering the four compass directions: N. E. S. W.

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1. Compass directions in the local area

The drawing shows a local park in a city. There is a meeting area in the centre of the park. Find the four compass directions around the meeting area.

Drawing of city park



Classroom activity 3.6

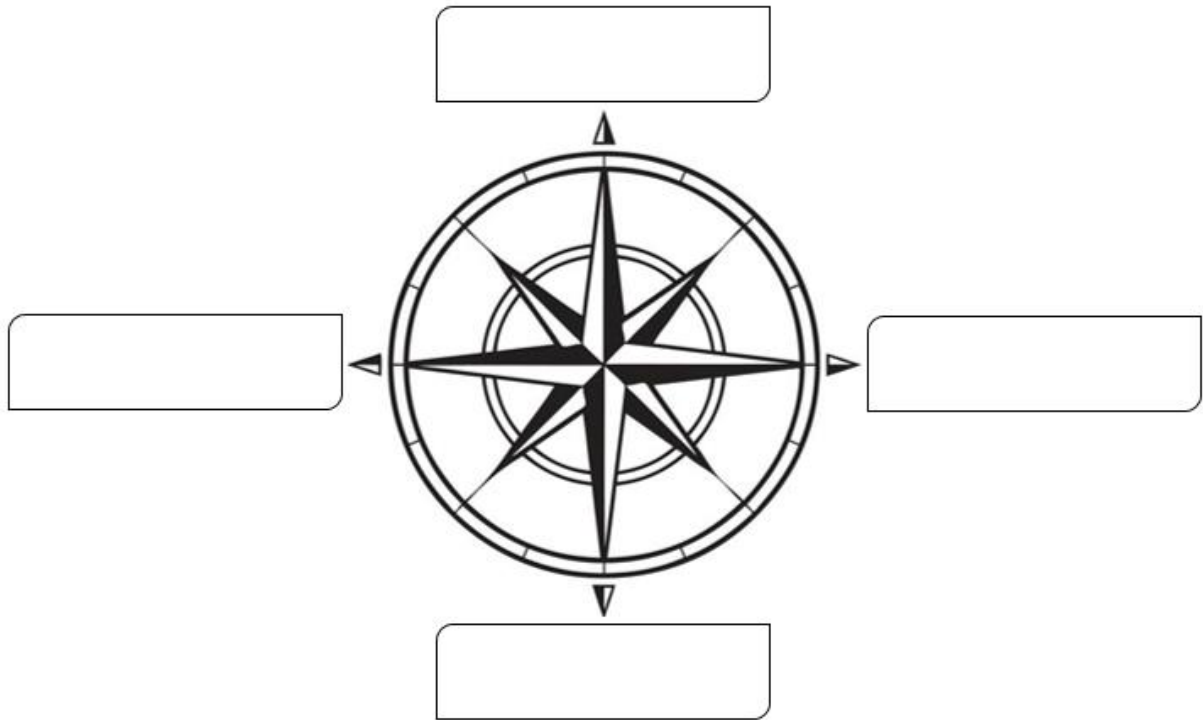
Give compass directions

1. What do the letters N, S, E and W on the drawing stand for?
2. What object is in the north part of the park?
3. Name two things you could play on in the south part of the park.
4. Are the swings in the east or west part of the park?
5. Follow the path from the meeting area towards the east. Name the objects you will pass.

What is a Compass?

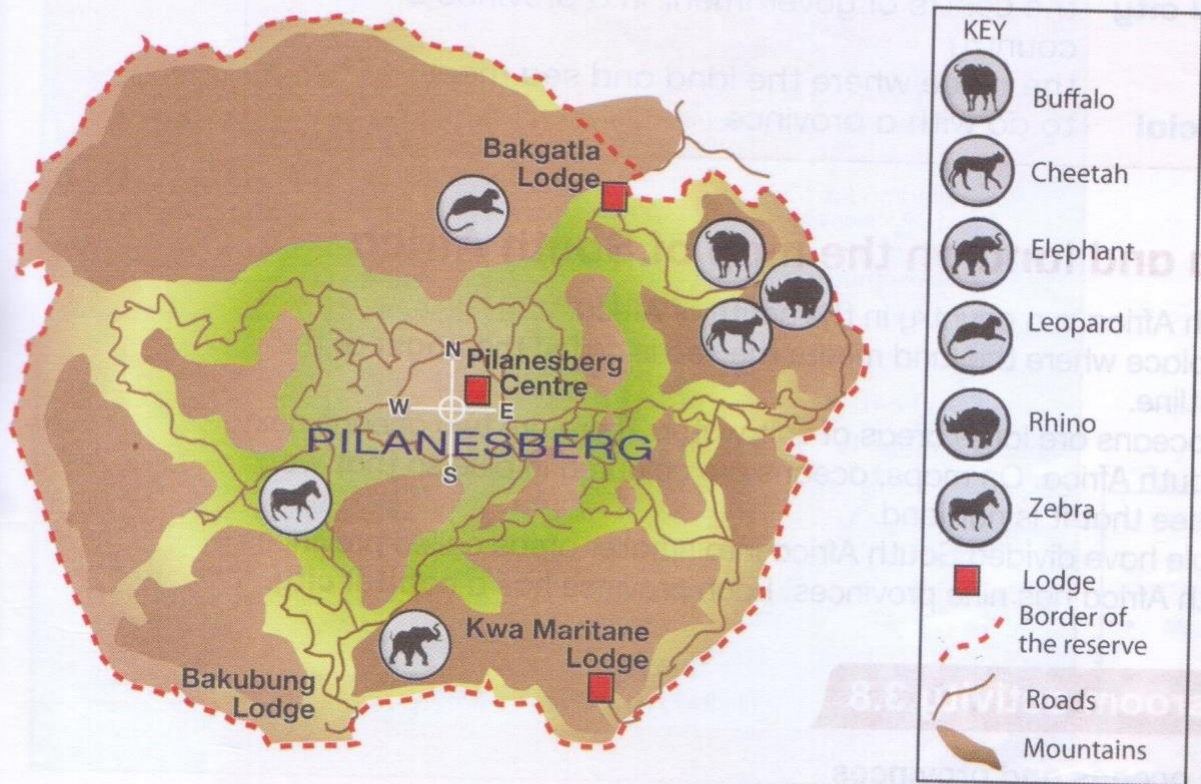
A compass is used to show direction. The needle of a compass always points **NORTH** no matter where on earth you may be.

Complete the compass below and colour it in.



2. Compass directions on a map

The map on this page shows the Pilanesberg Game Reserve in North West province. People mark the animals they have seen on a map like this.



A map and key of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve.
The map shows the position of some animals.

Classroom activity 3.7

Read a map

1. Are the cheetahs in the east or the west of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve?
2. Write out the three sentences in your exercise books so that they are all true.
 - a) There are elephants in the south.
 - b) The zebra are south of Bakubung Lodge.
 - c) Buffalo are in the west part.
3. Give the compass directions of the rhinos and the leopards from the Pilanesberg Centre. Write your answers like this:
 - a) The rhinos are ... from the Pilanesberg Centre.
 - b) The leopards are ... from the Pilanesberg Centre.