

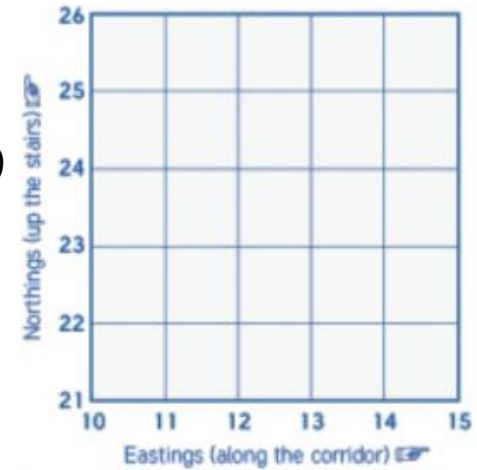
Year 3 Knowledge Mat: Map Skills

Subject Specific Vocabulary

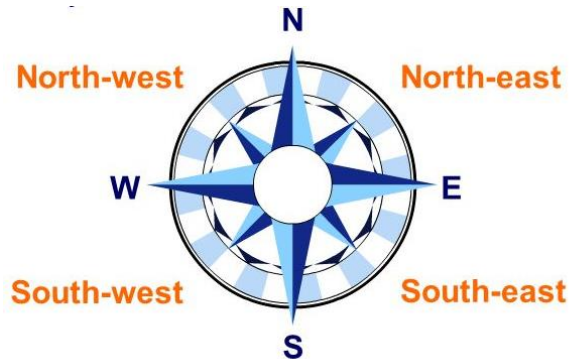
Grid reference	A grid reference is a number, which gives a specific location on a map. We can use grid references to share the location of a place.
Compass	An instrument containing a magnetized pointer which shows the direction of north.
Eight point compass	In addition to the four main points of the compass (north, south, east and west) there are four additional points that help describe directions more accurately.
Map symbols	Maps use symbols and abbreviations to show different features and types of land in an area.
Map	A drawing that represents an area of land or sea showing physical features, cities, roads, etc.
Ordnance survey	The national mapping agency for Great Britain.

Four figure grid references

To work out a four figure grid reference you always have to go along the corridor (Easting) before you go up the stairs (Northings).



Eight-point compass



Map symbols


Building of historic interest


Garden/arboretum


Caravan site


Golf course


Camp site


Museum


Castle/fort


Public convenience


Picnic site


Telephone


Nature reserve


Theme or pleasure parks

Some key map symbols.

Home Learning: To be completed by 11th July 2025

1. Draw a map of your journey from home to school. Challenge: include some of your own map symbols and a key.
2. Make a large compass on the floor and make sure the points are pointing to the correct direction. You could use: chalk for outdoors or string and paper indoors.
3. Draw an island on a treasure map and write the grid references to show where you have hidden the treasure.
4. Read your favourite adventure story and draw out a map of the main character's travels.