Directions:
The Eight Point Compass

DIRECTIONS

- Directions are used to determine where things are in relation to other things.
- Directions help us to read a map by helping to trace the path from one place to another.
- Directions is usually measured in terms of cardinal points: north, south, east and west. These points can be found on a map, compass and G.P.S.

Cardinal Points
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Cardinal points are the four main directions or points of the compass: north(N), east(E), south(S)and west(W).

North and south are directed towards the north and south poles of the Earth.

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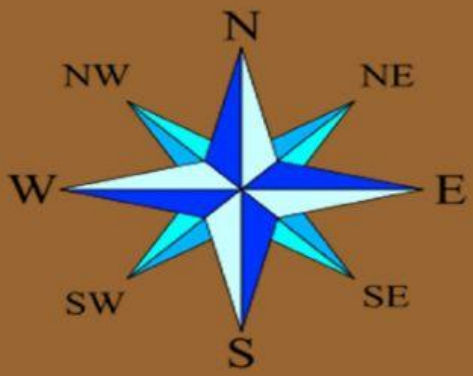
Intermediate Points

Intermediate points also known as Ordinal points refer to the directions found between each cardinal direction.

These include, Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Southwest(SW), and Southeast(SE).

The Compass Rose

A compass rose, a drawing showing different directions on a map, is usually found somewhere on the edge of a map.



It shows the four cardinal directions, which are north, south, east, and west.

You can combine the two words and say the direction is northwest or northeast, southwest or southeast.

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What is a Compass?

A compass is a tool for finding direction. A simple compass is a magnetic needle mounted on a pivot, or short pin. The needle, which can spin freely, always points to the direction you are facing. The pivot is attached to a compass rose card.

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