



Exploring the Four Corners of Culture

The cardinal directions – North, South, East, and West – are more than just ways to find places. They also have (1)..... meanings that make them fascinating!

In many cultures, the **North** is connected to cold and mystery. People imagine snowy mountains, polar bears, and the magical Northern (2)..... The North feels wild and adventurous. It's also seen as the home of strong and brave heroes in myths and (3)..... For example, Vikings came from the North, and their stories are full of epic battles and treasures.

The **South** is often linked to warmth and fun. It reminds people of (4)..... beaches, tropical forests, and lively festivals. In places like Brazil, the South is famous for its colorful Carnival, with music, (5)....., and amazing costumes. In other cultures, the South is seen as relaxed and full of life, where people enjoy spicy food, sunshine, and celebrations.

The **East** is special because it's where the sun rises. Many cultures see the East as a symbol of new (6)..... and hope. In Asia, the East is also connected to rich traditions, like beautiful temples, cherry blossoms, and delicious food, such as sushi, dumplings, and (7)..... It's a region full of creativity, with K-pop, anime, and martial arts inspiring teenagers all over the world.

The **West** is where the sun sets, so it's often linked to endings, exploration, and adventure. Think of cowboy movies with (8)..... in the background or the idea of exploring the "Wild West" in America. The West is also famous for Hollywood (9)....., pop music, and fashion, which have shaped global culture.

Next time you hear about North, South, East, or West, think about what they mean to people and how they (10)..... us to the world's stories, traditions, and adventures!

Word Bank

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