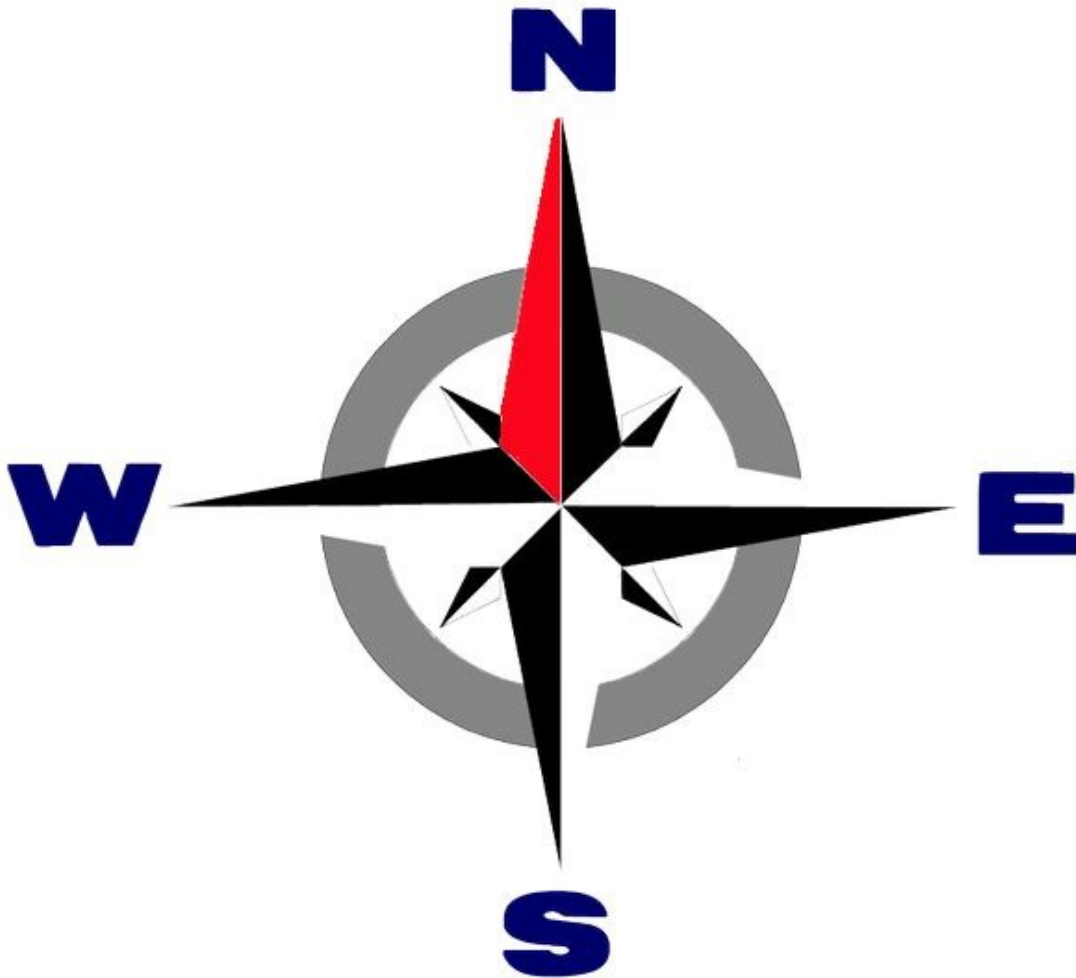


Learn About Maps

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Maps are pictures of places. Special drawings on maps help people use them.

A compass rose is a symbol found on maps. It shows directions.

The compass rose has four main points. One point shows which way is north. Another shows south. Other points show east and west.

A *map key* is a box with pictures and words. The words tell what a picture stands for. The word *city* may be next to a dot. The word *forest* may be next to a tree. The map key shows people what the drawings on the map mean.

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1. What is a map key?

- A. a picture of a place
- B. a symbol that shows directions
- C. a box with pictures and words

2. Which two parts of a map does this text describe?

- A. lines of longitude and latitude
- B. the colors and the title
- C. the compass rose and the map key

3. Forests are full of trees, so a map maker may use a picture of a tree to show the location of a forest on a map.

What part of the text shows us that this is true?

- A. The word forest may be next to a tree.
- B. A map key is a box with pictures and words.
- C. The word city may be next to a dot.

4. What is "Learn About Maps" mostly about?

- A. different kinds of maps
- B. the compass rose and the map key
- C. a map key

5. What symbol is used to show where the directions north, south, east, and west are on a map?

The symbol used to show directions on a map is the

6. What did you learn from "Learn About Maps"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Describe one way a compass rose and a map key are the same. Describe one way a compass rose and a map key are different. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

8. Draw a compass rose.