

GRADE 1 LEARNING PACK

Direction Detectives: North, South, East & West

Use cardinal direction words to describe simple movement and relative position.

LEARN • PRACTISE • CREATE • REFLECT

Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Use cardinal direction words to describe simple movement and relative position.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 North, south, east and west are direction words.

2 A compass rose helps show directions.

3 Direction and distance work together in route descriptions.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Complete: east is opposite _____.

On a grid, move two squares north and one east. Mark the finish.

The park is west of school. Which direction takes you from park back to school?

Write a three-step route using at least two cardinal directions.

Compare “turn left” with “go west”: when might they mean different things?

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

With an adult, identify north using a trusted map or compass and notice what lies in each direction.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Design a treasure grid with a compass rose and write directions to the treasure.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What direction is opposite north?

2. If a lake is east of a hill, where is the hill from the lake?

3. Why is a compass rose useful?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Direction Detectives: North, South, East & West”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

South.

2. Suggested response

West.

3. Suggested response

It shows orientation/directions on the map.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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