What Is a Compass Rose?

A **compass rose** is a symbol on a compass, map, or chart that displays the directions. The arrows, or points, on a compass rose point to the cardinal directions and the intermediate directions.

The cardinal directions are north, south, east, and west.

The intermediate directions are northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest.

Sometimes, a compass rose uses letters to stand for the direction words. The N on this compass stands for north.



Date _____

Can you spot the compass rose on the map?

Directions: Use the compass rose to answer the questions below.

- 1. Circle the cardinal directions on the compass rose.
- 2. Put a square around the intermediate directions on the compass rose.
- 3. What does NE stand for on the compass rose?

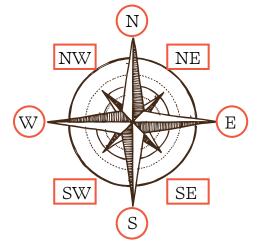
northeast

4. If you walked north and then made a complete left turn, what direction would you be walking?

west

5. If you walked northwest and then turned to walk the opposite way, which direction would you be walking?

southeast



Answer Key

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