

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.



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

