

# Knowledge Organiser - Compass Points

## What will we be learning?

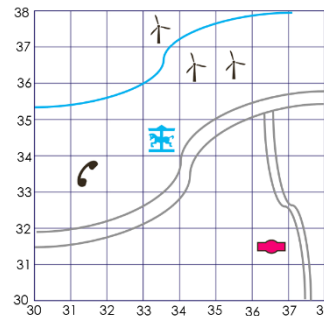
- The eight compass points
- How to accurately use directional language
- How to use four figure grid references

## Key Facts

A compass is used to help people navigate.  
It is an important tool for anyone travelling.  
Grid references help us to locate a specific place on a map.

## Key Knowledge

A compass tells us which way points North using magnetism. The Earth is like one big magnet and it creates its own 'magnetic field'. The north end of a compass is drawn to the Earth's magnetic North Pole. Grid references help us to locate specific places on a map accurately. We read grid references by reading the numbers along the bottom and the up the side of the grid.



Place Names	Geographical Terms	Locational terms
United Kingdom North America South America	compass directional grid reference location	North East South West North East North West South East South West

## Glossary

**compass:** an instrument with a magnet that shows the magnetic North Pole.  
**grid reference:** a map reference indicating a location.