Name: _____ Date: _____

Which Way Is North?

Circle group

A compass has a needle. The needle points north.

Face north. East is on your right. West is on your left. South is behind you.

On many maps, north is at the top. An arrow can show it.

A compass helps you find your way.

Questions

1. What does the needle point to?

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2. Where is east when you face north?

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3. Where is south?

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4. Where is north on many maps?

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5. How can a compass help someone who is lost?

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Words to know

compass: a tool with a needle that shows which way is north
needle: a thin pointer
north: one of the four main directions
face: to look toward

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Which Way Is North?

Triangle group

A compass has a needle. The needle points north. North is one way to go.

When you face north, east is on your right hand. West is on your left hand. South is behind you.

On many maps, north is at the top. An arrow can show it.

A compass can help you find your way.

Questions

1. What does the needle on a compass point to?

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2. Where is east when you face north?

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3. Where is south when you face north?

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4. Where is north on many maps?

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5. Why would a compass help a lost hiker?

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Words to know

compass: a tool with a needle that shows which way is north
needle: a thin pointer
north: one of the four main directions
face: to look toward

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Which Way Is North?

Square group

A compass has a thin needle, and the needle always points toward north. North is one of the four main directions.

When you face north, east is on your right hand and west is on your left hand. South is behind your back.

On many maps, north is at the top of the page, and a small arrow can show it. A compass can help a traveler find the way.

Questions

1. Which direction does the compass needle point toward?

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2. Where is east when you face north?

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3. Where is south when you face north?

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4. Where is north on many maps?

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5. Why might a traveler who is lost use a compass?

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Words to know

compass: a tool with a needle that shows which way is north
needle: a thin pointer
north: one of the four main directions
face: to look toward

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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For the teacher: Which Way Is North?

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Which Way Is North?

Easier · 45 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0

1. North.
2. On your right.
3. Behind you.
4. At the top.
5. It shows north.

Triangle: Which Way Is North?

This passage · 56 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. North.
2. On your right hand.
3. Behind you.
4. At the top.
5. It shows which way is north, so the hiker can find the way.

Square: Which Way Is North?

Harder · 70 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. North.
2. On your right hand.
3. Behind your back.
4. At the top of the page.
5. It shows which way is north, so the traveler can work out the other directions.