

#### Aim

To recognise and use the points of a compass.

#### Success Criteria

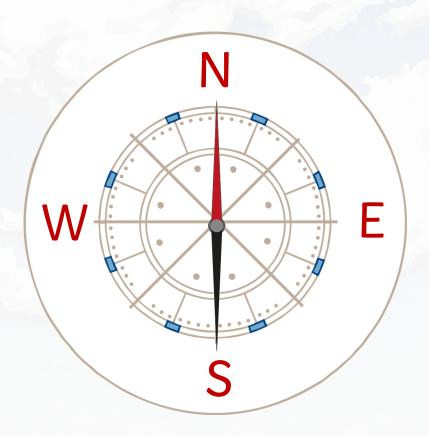
- I can use the compass points to give directions.
- I can follow directions given using compass points.

## The Four Cardinal Points of a Compass

We use compass points to describe position and direction.

There are four main (cardinal) points of the compass:

north, south, east and west.

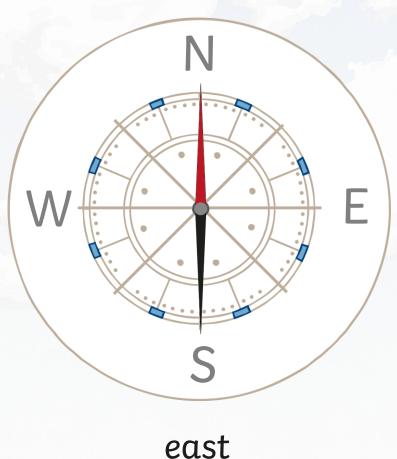


Each quarter turn brings you to a new compass point.

If I am facing north and turn 90° clockwise, I will be facing east.







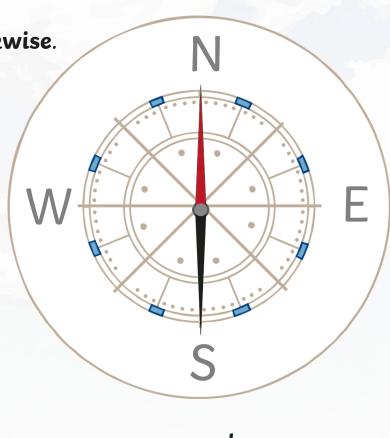
east

I am facing south and turn 90° clockwise.

Which direction am I facing now?



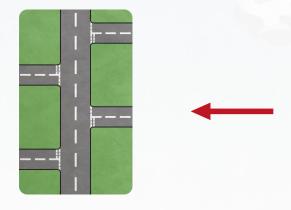


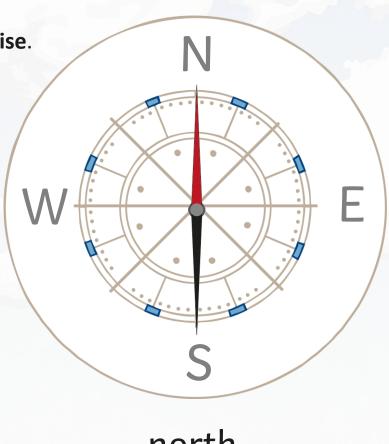


west

I am facing west and turn 90° clockwise.

Which direction am I facing now?

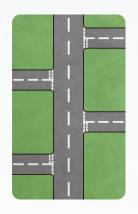




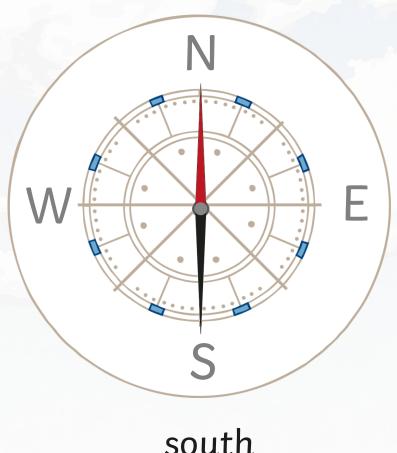
north

I am facing north and turn 180° anticlockwise.

Which direction am I facing now?



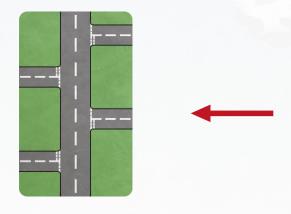




south

I am facing west and turn 270° clockwise.

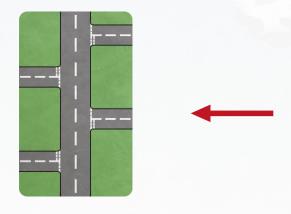
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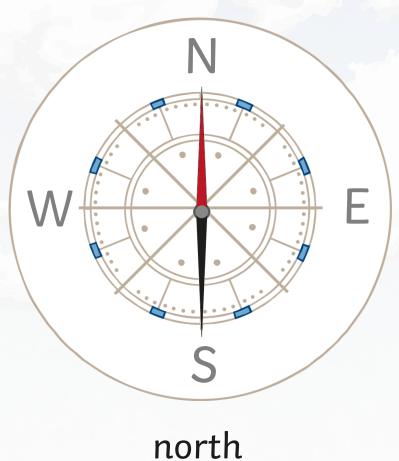




I am facing west and turn 90° clockwise.

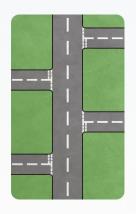
Which direction am I facing now?



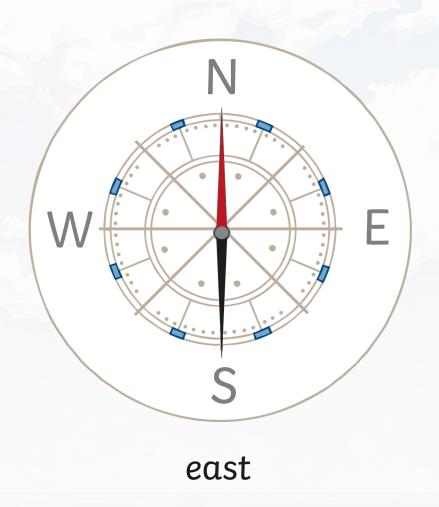


I am facing north and turn 270° anticlockwise.

Which direction am I facing now?





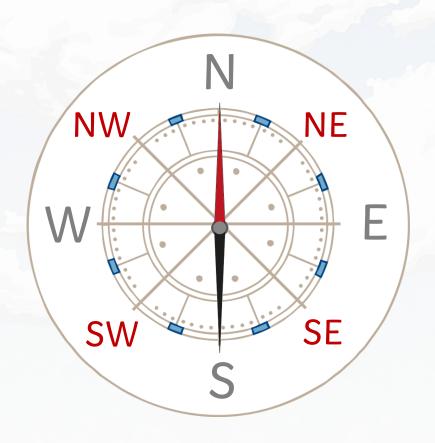


#### The Four Intercardinal Points

We can be more specific if we use a further 4 (intercardinal) compass points.

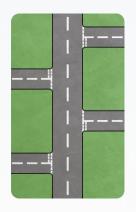
These come halfway between the main points and are called:

north-east (**NE**),
south-east (**SE**),
south-west (**SW**)
and north-west (**NW**).

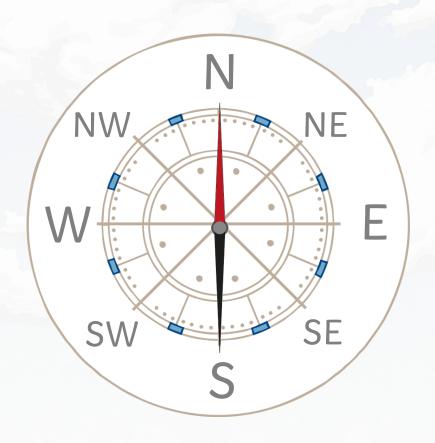


I am facing north-east (NE) and turn 90° anticlockwise.

Which direction am I facing now?



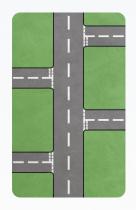




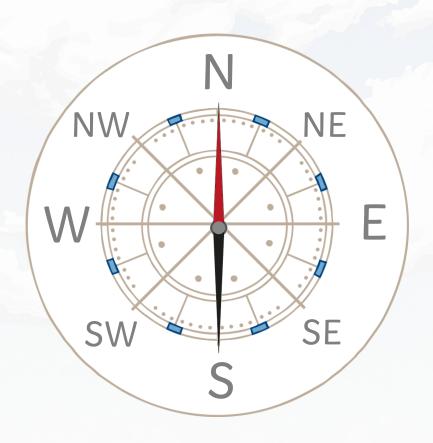
north-west

I am facing south-west and turn 180° clockwise.

Which direction am I facing now?







north-east

#### Activities

Look at a map of your local area or the country and give directions using compass points to a landmark or another town.

