# Maps and directions worksheet

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For grown-ups: 10 questions from our maps and directions practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **A compass rose shows directions on a map.**

   ○ **Yes** ○ **No**

2. **What is the library's grid square?**

   Grid map: columns A, B, C go across the top. Rows 1, 2, 3 go down the side. The library is in column B, row 3.

   ○ **A3** ○ **B1** ○ **B3**

3. **Which direction is opposite of north?**

   ○ **East** ○ **West** ○ **South**

4. **What does a map key tell you?**

   ○ **Who drew the map**
   ○ **How much the map costs**
   ○ **What the symbols mean**

5. **Which direction is the park from the school?**

   Compass: N is at the top, S at the bottom, E on the right, W on the left. On the map, the park is to the LEFT of the school.

   ○ **North** ○ **East** ○ **West**

6. **Which place is in square D1?**

   Grid map: columns A to D across, rows 1 to 4 down. Pool at C2. School at A4. Park at D1.

   ○ **School** ○ **Pool** ○ **Park**

7. **A globe is a model of ___.**

   ○ **A city** ○ **Earth** ○ **The moon**

8. **What is halfway between north and east?**

   ○ **Northeast** ○ **Southeast**
   ○ **Northwest**

9. **If you walk south and then turn all the way around, you are facing north.**

   ○ **Yes** ○ **No**

10. **Blue areas on most maps usually show ___.**

    ○ **Water** ○ **Roads** ○ **Forests**

# Answer key: Maps and directions

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1. **Yes**
   True! A compass rose shows north, south, east and west so you can read the map.
2. **B3**
   Column B and row 3 make the grid square B3.
3. **South**
   South is the opposite of north. East and west are opposites, too.
4. **What the symbols mean**
   A map key, or legend, explains what each symbol on the map stands for.
5. **West**
   Left on the map is west, so the park is west of the school.
6. **Park**
   The park is at D1: column D, row 1.
7. **Earth**
   A globe is a round model of Earth. It shows the oceans and continents.
8. **Northeast**
   Northeast is halfway between north and east. The in-between directions are NE, SE, SW and NW.
9. **Yes**
   True! Turning all the way around points you the opposite way. The opposite of south is north.
10. **Water**
    Mapmakers usually color water blue. Green often means parks or forests.