

Be a Navigator!

Week 16 • Wednesday • Hands-On: Compass Games and Treasure Maps

Reading Time

A **navigator** was one of the most important sailors on the ship. The navigator used the compass, read the charts, and told the captain which way to steer.

Navigators used the four main **directions**: north, south, east, and west. Here is a trick to remember them in order: **N**ever **E**at **S**oggy **W**affles! The sun helps too — it rises in the east and sets in the west.

Today you become the ship's navigator. You will find the directions where you live, follow a compass course, and draw your own treasure chart. Steady as she goes!

Reading Questions

1. What was the navigator's job?

2. What are the four main directions?

3. Where does the sun rise, and where does it set?

Hands-On: Navigate Your Home

You need: a compass (a phone compass works!) and a grown-up helper.

Step 1: Find north in your home. Face that way.

Step 2: Figure out south (behind you), east (right hand), and west (left hand).

Step 3: Have your helper give you a course: 'Walk 3 steps north! Now 2 steps east!' Follow it like a real navigator. Write what is in each direction from your room below.

Direction	What is that way in my home?
North	
South	
East	
West	

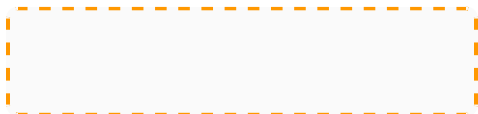
After Navigating

1. Was it easy or hard to follow a course by directions? Why?

2. How would this be harder on a moving ship at sea?

Draw a Treasure Chart

Draw your own sea chart! Include: an island, a coastline, sea monsters if you like, an X for treasure, and a compass rose with N, S, E, W.



Fill in the Blanks

navigator

north

east

west

compass

1. The _____ told the captain which way to steer.
2. A compass needle points _____.
3. The sun rises in the _____.
4. The sun sets in the _____.
5. Never sail without your _____!

Review

I did it!	Circle one
I found north, south, east, and west	YES / NOT YET
I followed a compass course	YES / NOT YET
I drew a chart with a compass rose	YES / NOT YET