

How can you practise being a geographer whilst at home?

Using Direction and Compass Points (Duration: 1 Week)

Knowledge:

- Use of compass directions

Skills

- Describing directions
- Writing clues about places!

Equipment

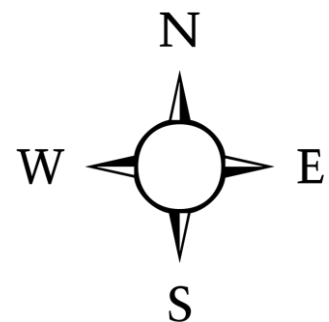
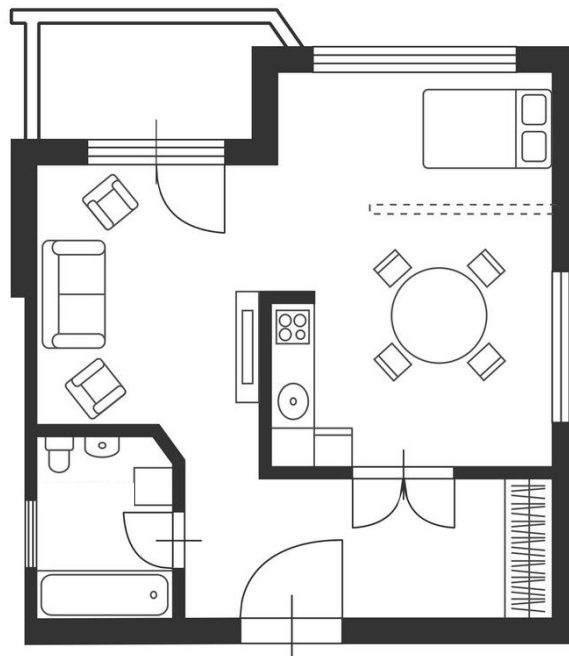
- Pen and paper
- A parent or sibling to do your treasure hunt!
- A prize (I suggest making a geography medal, by drawing a world and threading it through with a piece of string!)

Task 1:

We are going to design a treasure hunt around the home. This is a type of task where you set a number of clues around the home.

Like last week, you will need to draw a map or plan of your home, or you could use last week's version!

You will need to add an accurate compass to your plan. In order to do this, you could ask somebody at home to use their phone to help work out where North, East, South and West are. If this is not possible, then you will need to work out where the sun sets. (This is always in the west.) When you have worked out which way is West, you can add this to your floor plan and then show East, North and South - like so!



Task 2:

You should start writing your treasure hunt clues.

Choose a place to start: I recommend the front door!

The best ways to write the clues are to break it down into 3 points:

- The direction
- The room
- Where in that room the next clue is hidden.

Here are a couple of examples:

- *I am North of you, in a place where you would eat a meal. I am in a cookery book that has a lot of recipes for pasta!*
- *I am South of you, in a place where you would have dreams. I am hidden amongst loads of socks!*

Task 3: Once you have written at least 10 clues, you then need to place them in their special hiding places. (Make sure that your treasure hunter is not watching!)

Task 4: When you are ready, give your treasure hunter the first clue! You may need to help and support them if they get stuck!!

Task 5: Swap roles, so that this time they must write a treasure hunt and you must see how fast you can complete it using your excellent directional skills.