

CARDINAL & INTERMEDIATE DIRECTIONS

Four cardinal, four intermediate directions — matching, fill in the blank and Circle It. Fillable PDF.

START HERE QUICK START

One complete kit for the four cardinal and four intermediate directions: matching, filling in the blank and choosing the correct direction — every student answer is written or circled in pencil, nothing is cut or glued on a student page, and no compass rose or map graphic appears anywhere in the file.

THREE STEPS

- Meet the directions**
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- Pick a format**
Three ways to practice: matching (write the letter), fill in the blank, and circle the correct direction. The chart below says which page for which set.
- Track it, roll it up, send it home**
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WHEN...	USE...
New to matching a direction to its fact	Match It, pages 7, 8 (cardinal), 9, 10 (intermediate)
Ready to recall the direction from memory	Fill in the Blank, pages 11 (cardinal), 12 (intermediate)
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Opening a whole-class discussion	Compass Center / Meeting Starter, page 20
Writing a family update or discussion prompt	Family note, page 19 - phrase bank, page 22
Setting up a binder for this file	Binder cover and divider tabs, pages 23-24

Everything inside (25 pages)

- 8 student pages: 4 matching sets (2 cardinal, 2 intermediate), 2 fill-in-the-blank pages and 2 circle-it pages, one a domain
- 32 fact sentences in all, every one checked and never repeated in the file
- 2 answer keys generated from the same data as the pages, 1 tracker and 1 class grid
- 1 family note, 1 compass center / meeting starter, 1 filled example, 1 phrase bank
- 1 binder cover, 4 divider tabs and a center label

What this is not

Not a map-skills or compass-reading unit: no compass rose or map graphic appears anywhere. Every fact is plain, widely-taught direction knowledge, checked before it was written. Page 4 shows how each page works.

CARDINAL SET A MATCH IT

My name: _____ Date: _____

Read each fact. Write the letter of the direction it describes.

a. North b. South c. East d. West

- the direction to the left on a map
- the direction at the bottom of a map
- the direction to the right on a map
- the direction at the top of a map

CARDINAL FILL IN THE BLANK

My name: _____ Date: _____

Read each sentence. Write a direction from the box to finish it.

Word bank: East North South West

- _____ is at the top of a map.
- _____ is at the bottom of a map.
- _____ is to the right on a map.
- _____ is to the left on a map.

INTERMEDIATE CIRCLE IT

My name: _____ Date: _____

Read each fact. Circle the direction it describes.

- This is between North and West.
Northwest Southeast
- This is between South and East.
Southeast Northwest
- This is between North and East.
Southwest Northeast
- This is between South and West.
Northeast Southwest

Remember the opposites

Northeast is the opposite of Southwest. Northwest is the opposite of Southeast. Southeast is the opposite of Northwest. Southwest is the opposite of Northeast.

TRACKER DIRECTIONS TRACKER

DIRECTION	MATCHING (DATE)	FILL-IN (DATE)	CIRCLE IT (DATE)
North			
South			
East			
West			
Northeast			
Northwest			
Southeast			
Southwest			

TOTAL COVERED (ALL THREE FORMATS DONE)

THIS MONTH WE ARE FOCUSING ON

When to move a direction to the class grid

Once a direction has all three dates recorded here, move it to the class grid (page 18) and free this page for a direction that still needs individual tracking.

EXAMPLE JASMINE'S TRACKER

Jasmine T. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank tracker is on page 17.

STUDENT	TEACHER	MONTH
Jasmine T. (an invented student)	Ms. Rodriguez (invented)	September–October

DIRECTION	MATCHING (DATE)	FILL-IN (DATE)	CIRCLE IT (DATE)
North	-	-	-
South	10/1	10/1	-
East	9/28	9/28	10/2
West	10/5	-	-
Northeast	9/30	9/30	9/30
Northwest	-	-	-
Southeast	10/3	10/3	-
Southwest	10/6	10/6	10/6

How to read it

Jasmine T. has all three formats done for 3 of 8 directions: East, Northeast, Southwest. Started but not yet finished: South, Southeast (needs Circle It) and West (matching only, still needs Fill-in and Circle It). Not started: North, Northwest. Every number comes from the table above.

The family note this tracker would produce

"So far this fall Jasmine T. has fully learned 3 of our 8 directions, with 3 more started. Not yet started: North, Northwest" — every fact in it is a row of the table above.

What's next for Jasmine

Start North and Northwest (page 7 for Set A matching). Give South and Southeast their Circle It page (page 13). West needs Fill in the Blank next (page 11). East, Northeast and Southwest are ready for the class grid (page 18) instead of the individual tracker.

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4 Cardinal

4 Intermediate



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THE FOUR CARDINAL DIRECTIONS

DIRECTION	ONE SIMPLE FACT	A SECOND FACT
North	the direction at the top of a map	the opposite of South
South	the direction at the bottom of a map	the opposite of North
East	the direction to the right on a map	where the sun rises in the morning
West	the direction to the left on a map	where the sun sets in the evening

THE FOUR INTERMEDIATE DIRECTIONS

DIRECTION	ONE SIMPLE FACT	A SECOND FACT
Northeast	the direction between North and East	the opposite of Southwest
Northwest	the direction between North and West	the opposite of Southeast
Southeast	the direction between South and East	the opposite of Northwest
Southwest	the direction between South and West	the opposite of Northeast

The letters on the matching pages

Cardinal a–d: a = North, b = South, c = East, d = West.
Intermediate a–d: a = Northeast, b = Northwest, c = Southeast, d = Southwest.

Where each direction shows up again

Fill in the Blank and Circle It each give both domains their own page (pages 11 and 12); the tracker (page 17) and class grid (page 18) use these same eight directions.





My name: _____

Date _____



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Word bank

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North

South

West

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3 _____ is to the right on a map.

4 _____ is to the left on a map.





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1

This is between North
and West.

Northwest

Southeast

2

This is between South
and East.

Southeast

Northwest

3

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and East.

Southwest

Northeast

4

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and West.

Northeast

Southwest

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TEACHER

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THANK YOU FOR USING THIS RESOURCE

Everything here was built for the teacher who has eight directions to teach and a room of children who each need a different amount of practice with them. If this helped, leaving feedback on TPT helps other teachers find it.

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