

Peoples, Places & Times - Foundation 1 - Unit 3

Reading Simple Maps

 **Sessions:** 6 sessions  **Subject:** Peoples, Places & Times

TOPICS

- Symbols and keys
- Compass directions

KNOWLEDGE

- Maps use symbols so large objects fit in a small space; the key explains each symbol.
- A key explains the symbols.
- North, south, east and west help describe where places are.

SKILLS

- Use a key to find a feature on a map. Check each symbol against the key before drawing.
- Point north using a simple compass arrow drawn on paper.
- Give directions from one map point to another.

INCLUSION (DIFFERENTIATION)

- Stretch: add grid boxes and use coordinates.
- Support: start with treasure map of one room.

KEYWORDS

map, symbol, compass, key

TEACHING IDEAS

Draw a simple room map and use circles for chairs squares for tables.
Add a key in the corner to explain each symbol.
Give directions like 5 steps north then turn east to reach the door.
Use a simple compass app to find north in the garden and mark it with chalk.
Keep a 3-day weather diary: temperature, cloud cover, wind; draw a simple graph.
Keyword help:
Map symbol: a small picture that represents something on a map.
Compass: shows direction (N, E, S, W).
Key/legend: explains what the symbols on a map mean.

BOOK RESOURCES

CGP KS3 Geography - Section 11: Geographical Enquiry and Skills - Reading Maps (Page 61)