

Direction Detectives

Students use north, east, south, and west to locate places from oral clues.

1.3.B "locate places using the four cardinal directions."

NAME _____

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	EAST	NORTH	WEST	SOUTH
b	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
c	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
d	EAST	WEST	SOUTH	NORTH

2 WRITE A LETTER _____

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Prepare cards for the 12 places in the six clues. On a board or table, label a compass: N at top, E right, S bottom, W left. Read labels aloud. For each clue, place the second named place in the center; have the child place the first place in the correct direction before marking. Reset for each pair.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “Listen to each clue. Use our compass and place cards to show where the first place is from the second. Then circle its direction word.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Read the words with me: EAST, NORTH, WEST, SOUTH. The bakery is east of the fire station. Which word tells where the bakery is from the fire station? Circle it.	EAST
b	Read the words with me: WEST, NORTH, EAST, SOUTH. The lake is south of the zoo. Which word tells where the lake is from the zoo? Circle it.	SOUTH
c	Read the words with me: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. The museum is north of the playground. Which word tells where the museum is from the playground? Circle it.	NORTH
d	Read the words with me: EAST, WEST, SOUTH, NORTH. The bus stop is west of the school. Which word tells where the bus stop is from the school? Circle it.	WEST

PART 2 • WRITE A LETTER

SAY “Use our compass and place cards again. Show where the first place is from the second, then write the first letter of that direction.”

- Box 1 (beside 1): **S**
- Box 2 (beside 2): **W**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are EAST, SOUTH, NORTH, and WEST. For Part 2, read these clues aloud in order: "The garden is south of the library. What first letter tells where the garden is from the library?" and "The store is west of the park. What first letter tells where the store is from the park?" Accept uppercase or lowercase S and W. Observe all six spatial placements before recording. Check the first place from the centered second place using the fixed compass. Allow supported pointing to the correct position instead of moving a card.