

Compass Skills

Parts of the Compass Relay

Prepare slips of paper with one part of the compass written on each.

- Base plate
- Magnetic needle
- Direction of Travel Arrow
- Orienting lines
- Compass housing
- Degree readings or bearings
- Orienting needle

Stand with the compass and the slips of paper at one end of the room. The relay teams stand at the other end of the room. The first team member runs to the compass, chooses a slip of paper and points out the part of the compass she has chosen. She then runs to her team and the next member runs to the compass. If you have more members than compass parts, simply recycle the slips of paper.

The Wedding Compass Story

Girls sit in a circle, either on chairs or on marked spots on the floor. Divide the circle into 8 distinct sections. When their section is called the girls stand up, turn around and sit down. When the story teller says, "world" each player moves clockwise 1 chair or place. Each player must now note which compass section they are now in.

THE STORY -- The Wedding

A big important wedding is being held this year. The daughter of King NORTH is being married to the son of King SOUTH. It is going to be a very grand affair with guests from all parts of the WORLD.

From the land of the rising sun, the Empower of the EAST and his wife, the Empress, and from the other side of the WORLD, King and Queen WEST with the little Prince NORTHEAST and the Princess SOUTHWEST arrived for the wedding.

The bridegroom, son of King SOUTH, has invited his cousin SOUTHEAST to be the best man. The bride, daughter of King NORTH, has asked her best friend, NORTHEAST, who is also a cousin of SOUTHEAST, to be Maid of Honour.

The Queen of the NORTH was very busy trying to find places for the visitors from all over the WORLD to stay. The Empower EAST and his wife the Empress EAST had brought so many servants to wait on them, that the little town was beginning to be very overcrowded. To add to the confusion, King and Queen WEST had brought so much luggage that it took 3 wagons to haul it to the NORTH palace. Queen NORTH looked quite worried; where in the WORLD was she to put it all?

In the last wagon, Prince NORTHWEST and Princess SOUTHWEST had put all their pets which they couldn't bear to leave behind. They had four SOUTHWEST cats, four big dogs (which came from the other side of the WORLD), and a cow and a goat from the EAST. The cousins SOUTHEAST and NORTHEAST thought they were very odd things to bring halfway across the WORLD to a wedding.

At last the great day dawned, beautiful and sunny. The procession started to go to the NORTH Cathedral from NORTH Palace, and people from all over the WORLD cheered. After the ceremony in NORTH Cathedral, the procession returned to the NORTH Palace for the wedding breakfast.

First came King NORTH, with Queen SOUTH on his arm. Next came King SOUTH with Queen NORTH. Following then came King and Queen WEST, with Prince NORTHWEST and Princess SOUTHWEST. Looking very grand in their silk robes were the Empower of the EAST and the Empress of the EAST. The guests from this part of the WORLD came next. Cousins SOUTHEAST and NORTHEAST then appeared. Then came the moment the whole WORLD had been waiting for. The beautiful bride, daughter of king NORTH, and the handsome bridegroom, son of King SOUTH, were standing in the doorway. Guests from all over the WORLD threw confetti and rice as they ran down the steps to the famous NORTH glass coach. After the wedding breakfast at NORTH Palace, the bride and groom left on their honeymoon around the WORLD. Prince NORTHWEST had tied an old boot on the back of the car, and Princess SOUTHWEST had printed "Just Married" on the front.

The whole WORLD laughed and cheered and waved good-bye and good luck, along with Prince NORTHWEST, Princess SOUTHWEST, Cousins NORTHEAST and SOUTHEAST, Empower and Empress EAST, King and Queen SOUTH, and finally King and Queen NORTH.

So ends a happy and exhausting day!

