

GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITY 5: LOCATE A SOLDIER

Learning Objectives

- To be able to create a set of instructions using the 8 points of the compass;
- To be able to follow a set of instructions using the 8 points of the compass.

Resources

- Compasses
- Papers and pencils

Introduction

Quick! There is an injured soldier out on the battlefield. He has managed to crawl to a safe place but you need to send instructions to the medics so that they can retrieve him and take him to hospital.

MAIN TASKS

1. Hide an object (your wounded soldier – why not create one out of plasticine?!), in the school grounds.
2. Decide on a starting location (it might be your classroom, or the door to the playground).
3. Using the compass create instructions. For example:
 - a. NW for 5 paces
 - b. Head S for 6 paces
 - c. E for 3 paces to avoid obstacle etc...
4. Once you have created your instructions, swap with another student – can you find their wounded soldier?

Extension

Can you do the same using a 16 point compass?