



# Military English

## Vocabulary Builder: Compass points

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### Overview:

This sheet lists the 16 compass (cardinal) points.

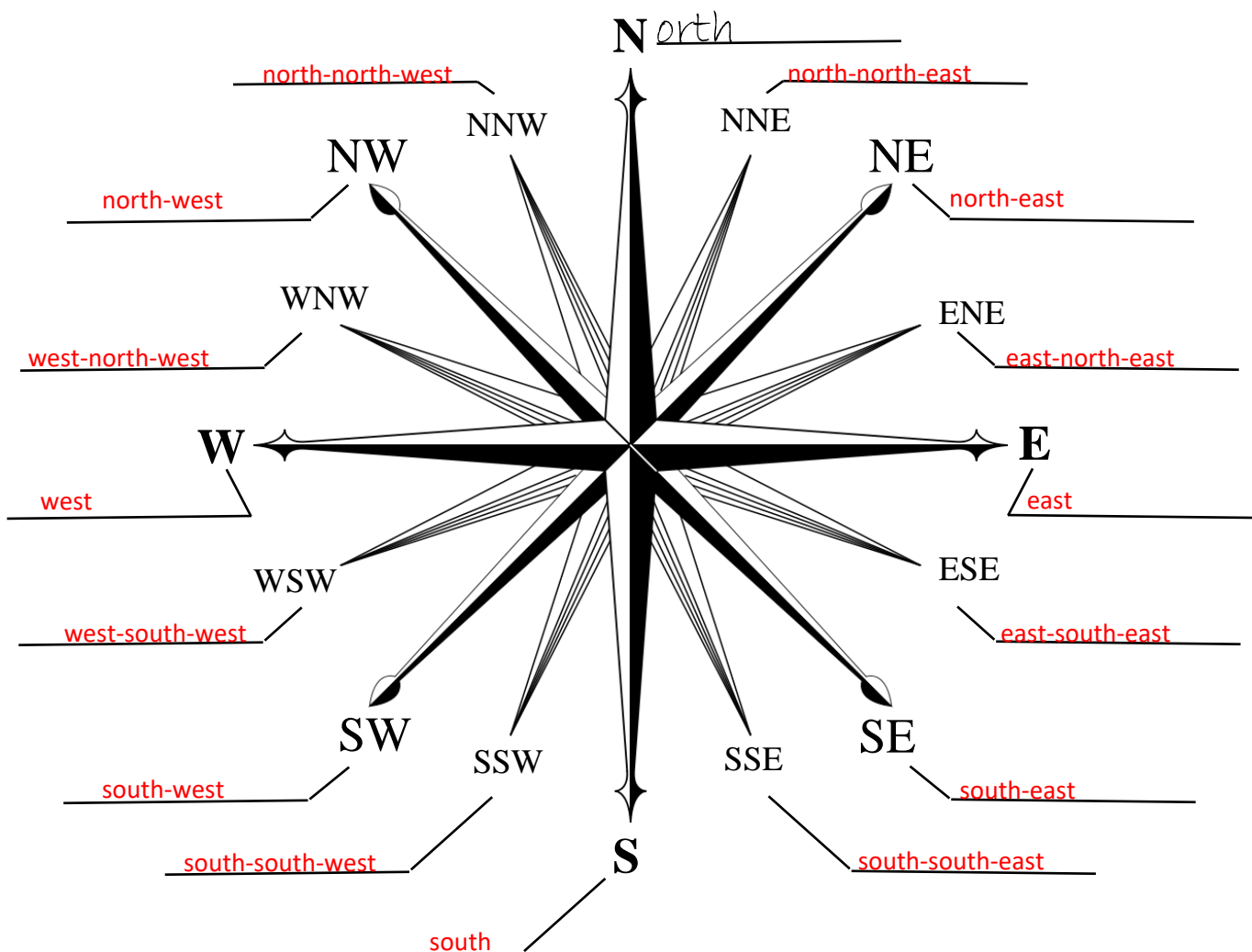
### In this vocabulary builder, you will:

- ✓ use vocabulary related to directions and compass points

Introduce the lesson with some 'realia' if you can find a compass (show this to the class and ask e.g. what is this? what does it do? when do I need to use it? can you use it? ) OR print out four A4 sized sheets of paper with N, S, W or E on each sheet, stick them on the four walls of the classroom and use these to play a game - if your school allows it. e.g. ask ss to look at the letters then ask some 'quiz' questions. e.g. The opposite of 'Yes' is....- students should run to N because No is the answer. The ss need to run to the letter the same as the one the answer starts with. Ask a few more questions including e.g. Name a direction. (either of N, S, W or E- which do students know?)

1) There are four main points of the compass – see one example below. Can you spell the other three main points? Ask students to do task 1 first. Check answers with class. Students are now able to move to task 2.

2) Now fill in the other 12 sub-points of the compass.



3) Now let's listen to the words practised in this worksheet. Listen and repeat:

*Play recording of the words covered in this worksheet – which is found in the same location as this file – and ask students to repeat. First as a class, then select a few random students to repeat individually.*

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| a) north (N)              | g) south (S)              |
| b) east (E)               | h) south-east (SE)        |
| c) north-east (NE)        | i) east-south-east (ESE)  |
| d) north-north-east (NNE) | j) south-south-east (SSE) |
| e) east-north-east (ENE)  | k) west (W)               |
| f) east (E)               |                           |

With the words you have just practised you can now pronounce all 16 compass points. For example, you have learned to pronounce north and west, so you can now say north-west, north-north-west, etc.

4) Work with a partner. Say where countries and cities are on the map. Use the compass points you have learned. Look at the language box to help you. For example:

You may need to make a bigger version of this map image. Make sure students are only speaking English during this task.

A: Which city is in the north of Vietnam, Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City?

B: It's Hanoi.

A: Yes, correct.



LANGUAGE BOX	Asking:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which city is...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>in</b> the north/east/south-west/etc. <b>of</b> Vietnam/Thailand/etc.?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Which country is...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>to</b> the north/east/south-west/etc. <b>of</b> Vietnam/Thailand/etc.?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Answering:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangkok/Hanoi/etc. is <b>in</b> the north/east/south-west/etc. <b>of</b> the country.</li> </ul>
	Asking for clarification:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could you repeat, please?</li> </ul>

Before students begin the activity, go through the language box with them. Make sure they understand all the vocabulary. For pronunciation, model the phrases and ask them to repeat. Words separated by a slash (/) are the options students can choose from.

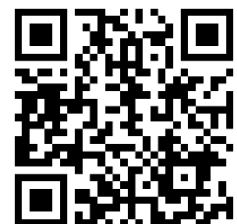
- Check this YouTube video for more listening practice and information compass points.
- Type on YouTube [What are the 16 Cardinal Points of a Compass?](#) or scan the QR Code below:

The video above can be used the following ways:

Play it in class, with subtitles turned on. Ask students to listen for any words covered in this worksheet. ANSWER: *all 16 points of the compass, compass*

Assign video for homework. Students have to write down any words covered in this worksheet that they hear. ANSWER: *see above*

- This Vocabulary Builder links with → Lesson – Map Reading and Navigation.



### **Exercise 3 Vocabulary Recording Transcript.**

*Now let's listen to the words practised in this worksheet. Listen and repeat:*

*North*

*East*

*North-east*

*North north-east*

*East north-east*

*East*

*South*

*South-east*

*East south-east*

*South south-east*

*West*

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