

Listen Up

Never Eat Soggy Waffles!

Overview: Students become familiar with cardinal directions, while increasing listening skills.

Materials: 4 Cards with the cardinal directions on them (N,E,S,W), blindfolds, compasses.

Time: 5- 7 minutes

Action:

- In a large circle outdoors, have students post the N,E,S,W directions around a circle to simulate a compass. Do their positions agree with a compass?
- Invite a student to be blindfolded in the center of the compass and count to 10 out loud.
- All other students tiptoe and scatter to their choice of one of the cardinal directions.
- At the end of 10 seconds, the student in the center indicates the direction where he or she thinks the largest number of students is located. Could the student tell correctly by listening?

Vocabulary: Compass, Cardinal directions, North, East, South, West.

Management Strategies: If you begin the game again with a new student in the center, be sure to have a clean blindfold – or merely trust students to keep their eyes closed. Students with limited visual ability may excel at this and all are improving spatial awareness.



Compasses can be a part of many outdoor learning activities.