



Garden Orienteering

Orienteering is a group of sports that require navigational skills using a map and sometimes a compass to find points (controls) positioned around a space.

- Your first challenge is to create a map of your outdoor space at home.
- An example digital map created using Paint can be seen opposite, but you could use paper and pencil or a whiteboard and Marker if you have one.
- Remember, maps are created using a 'Birds-Eye-View' so what you see on the map will be seen from directly above. You can ask an adult to help you with this.
- **KS1 (Rec/Year1/2)** - You can draw on your map, what you see in your garden. Look at the shapes of benches/tables; are they oblong/rectangular. What shapes are the plant pots or the garden shed; are they circles or squares, or something else?
- **KS2 (Year 3/4/5/6)** - Take time to make sure your map is to scale. This means the size and shape of the objects on your map are an accurate smaller version of the objects in your garden. It doesn't have to be perfect . . . But try your hardest.



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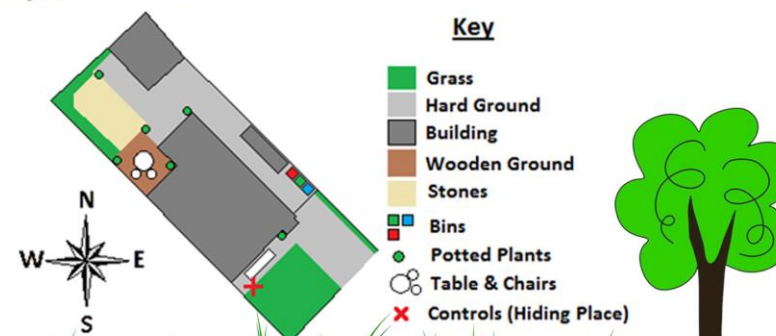
To begin, hide one object in your garden and mark where you have hidden it on the map. To make it more interesting, you could hide several objects and mark them all on your map.

You can challenge someone in your family to find all the objects.

Once all objects have been found, it is their turn to hide some objects for you to find.

Once you have practiced, you can make it competitive by timing each other to see who finds all the objects the fastest.

You might even want to hide yourself and mark on the map where you will hide?



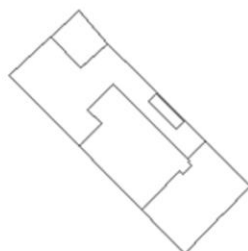


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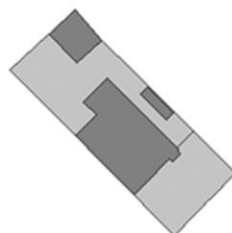
Creating your map:

This map was created using Paint feature on a computer, but you can use a whiteboard or paper and pencil

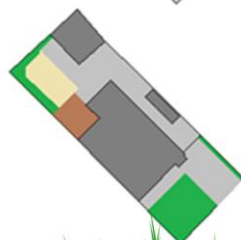
1. Create the outlines of your home to include any buildings and borders. Borders include; hedges, fences, railings or walls.



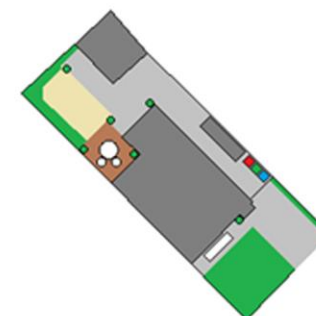
2. Choose some colours to highlight what different areas represent. This map marks; Buildings as a Dark Grey and all ground as a Light Grey.



3. Now, start to include other large floor surfaces such as any grassy spaces, areas of gravel/stones or any decking/wooden features.



4. Start to include all small features such as tables and chairs, benches, bins and any potted plants you may have.



5. Your map is complete. You could include a Key and Compass rose if you can figure out which direction is North. Don't forget to include a control. I've used a Red X, but you can use whatever you want.

