ADVENTURES IN READING WITH

Nature CAT

FUN WITH MAPS
Let's read a map!

Nature Cat and his friends found a treasure map! Daisy explained that a map is like a picture of a place from above. It shows the path you have to take to get from one place to another.

Knowing how to read a map can help you discover new places. It’s important to know where you need to go so you don’t get lost. Then, you can figure out a route to get there. Which direction will you go—north, south, east, or west? How many paces will you take?

Nature explorers!

Nature Cat and his friends use a compass to find their way. Compasses have four directions: north, south, east, and west. To read a compass, you first have to find north. Hold the compass flat and turn your body until the needle lines up with north, or “N.” Once you know north, you can find any direction! To test out your compass skills, check out this fun game here!

Use your nature senses!

First, Nature Cat and his friends studied the map. Then, they looked at the landmarks shown on the map, such as a pond. They looked around them to find the real pond. Squeeks can use her great sense of sight to find landmarks. What other landmarks from the map could Squeeks find? Why are landmarks important for reading a map?
Hal wrote important map words in his alphabet soup. He took a slurp of soup, and all the letters got scrambled! Can you help Hal remember these important map words?

**Glossary**

**directions:** Something that tells a person what to do or where to go.

**route:** A way to get from one place to another.

**landmark:** An object on land that’s easy to recognize.

**pace:** The length of a single step.

**sense:** The natural abilities of touch, taste, smell, sight, or hearing.

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