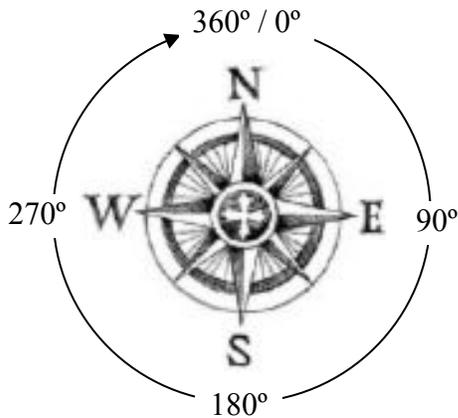


Compass Bearings

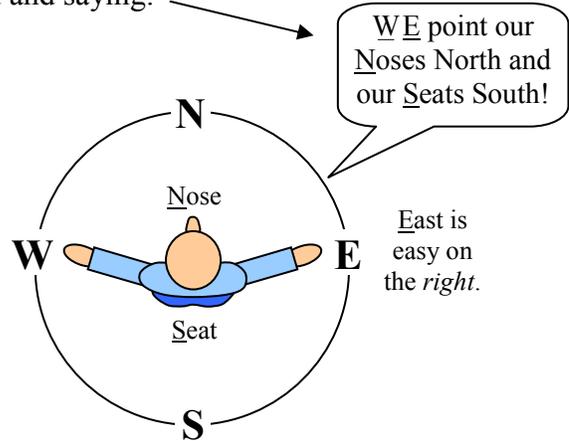
A compass bearing is a *direction* based on points (North, East, etc.) or degrees (0 - 360°) on a navigational compass. A common error is to mentally reverse directions, especially when trying to decide in an instant whether to take the East or West exit ramp at a highway interchange!

Cardinal Points (N, E, S, W)

Imagine facing North with your arms outstretched and saying:



West
rhymes
with *left*.



WE point our
Noses North and
our Seats South!

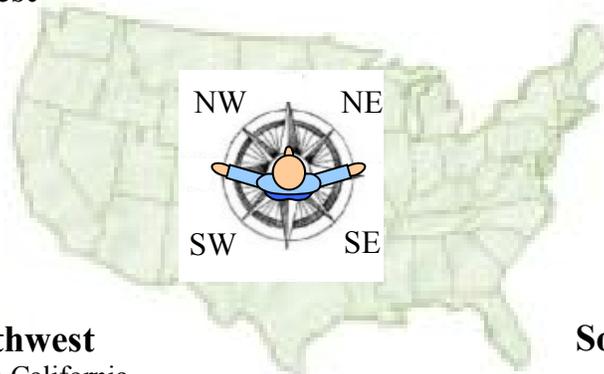
East is
easy on
the *right*.

Ordinal Points (NE, SE, SW, NW)

Relate the Ordinal (Intercardinal) points to the four corners of the United States as if you were standing in the middle. For example, when you hear “Northeast,” think New England.

Northwest
Seattle

Northeast
New England



Southwest
Southern California

Southeast
Florida

Your Turn!

If you're driving South, East would be to your _____.

If you're driving West, _____ would be to your right.

When you hear “Southeast,” think _____.

Answers: Left, North, Florida