

compass**1. ['kʌmpəs] n****1. компас; буссоль**

points of the compass - страны света

wireless compass - радиоконпас

2. окружность, круг

to fetch /to cast, to go, to set, to take/ a compass - идти обходным путём, делать крюк

3. предел, граница (о времени и пространстве)

within the compass of prison walls - за тюремными стенами

within the compass of a lifetime - в пределах человеческой жизни

to keep one's desires within compass - сдерживать свои желания

within [beyond] one's compass /the compass of one's powers/ - в пределах [за пределами] чьих-л. возможностей

4. pl циркуль (тж. pair of compasses)**5. муз. диапазон (голоса или инструмента)****2. ['kʌmpəs] a****1. полукруглый**

compass window - стрельчатое окно; полукруглый эркер

2. спец. компасный

compass bearing - пеленг по компасу

compass card - картушка компаса

compass course /heading/ - компасный курс

compass point - румб

3. ['kʌmpəs] v**1. 1) окружать**

the lake is compassed by a ring of mountains - озеро лежит в кольце гор

2) воен. осаждать**2. обращаться, делать витки**

the cosmonauts compassed the Earth many times - космонавты сделали много витков вокруг Земли

the ship wherein Magellan compassed world - корабль, на котором Магеллан совершил кругосветное путешествие

3. книжн. достигать, осуществлять

to compass one's purpose - достичь цели

4. книжн. замышлять, затевать

to compass murder - замышлять убийство

5. книжн. схватывать, понимать

forebodings of ill that cannot be compassed - дурные предчувствия, которые ничем нельзя объяснить, смутное предчувствие беды

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com·pass [compass compasses compassed compassing] BrE ['kʌmpəs] ^uNAme ['kʌmpəs] ^u noun

compasses

**1. (also mag·netic 'compass) countable** an instrument for finding direction, with a needle that always points to the north

• a map and compass

• the **points of the compass** (= N, S, E, W, etc.)**2. countable (also compasses plural)** an instrument with two long thin parts joined together at the top, used for drawing circles and measuring distances on a map

• a pair of compasses

3. singular (formal) a range or an extent, especially of what can be achieved in a particular situation

• the compass of a singer's voice (= the range from the lowest to the highest note that he or she can sing)

See also: ↑magnetic compassWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French **compas** (noun), **compasser** (verb), based on Latin **com-** 'together' + **passus** 'a step or pace'.Several senses ('measure', 'artifice', 'circumscribed area', and 'pair of compasses') which appeared in Middle English are also found in Old French, but their development and origin are uncertain. The transference of sense to the magnetic compass occurred in the related Italian word **compasso**, from the circular shape of the compass box.Example Bank:

- A compass shows you which direction is north.
- People arrived from all points of the compass.
- The railway fanned out from Moscow to all points of the compass.

compasscomˈpass /'kʌmpəs/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *compas* 'measure, circle, compass', from *compasser* 'to measure', from Vulgar Latin *compassare* 'to measure by walking', from Latin *com-* (⇒ COM-) + *passus* (, ↑*pace*¹)



1. [countable] an instrument that shows directions and has a needle that always points north:

a map and compass

compass points/points of the compass (=the marks on a compass that show you north, south, east, west etc)

2.



[countable] (also **compasses**) a V-shaped instrument with one sharp point and a pen or pencil at the other end, used for drawing circles or measuring distances on maps

3. [uncountable] **formal** the area or range of subjects that someone is responsible for or that is discussed in a book

compass of

" Within the brief compass of a single page, the author covers most of the major points.

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COLLOCATIONS**phrases**

- **the points of the compass/compass points** (=the marks that show you north, south, east etc) She was teaching the children the points of the compass.
- **a map and compass** Always take a map and compass with you in the mountains.

compass + NOUN

- **the compass needle** (=the long piece of metal that moves to show north)
- **a compass bearing/reading** (=a direction shown by a compass) We took a compass bearing to ensure we were walking in the right direction.
- **compass error** Their ship had sailed off course due to compass errors.

verbs

- **use a compass** Some of the kids were learning how to use a map and compass.
- **set a compass** (=adjust it so that the needle and the north mark are in line with each other) Wait until the needle settles, then set the compass.
- **a compass shows something** Our compass showed that we should bear right.

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