

Three-leg Compass Walk.

1. Start by having each student mark their location with a pencil or a small stick and setting their compasses to north (360 degrees).
2. Once north has been set, they sight down the direction of travel arrow on the compass and pick out a landmark in the background. The landmark can be a tree, baseball backstop, a telephone pole, etc.
3. The students then step out 50 paces. (These are double step paces. In other words, students should count each time their right foot touches the ground.)
4. Everyone stops after 50 paces.
5. The students are then directed to set their compasses to 120 degrees and they pace out another 50 steps and stop.
6. Then everyone is directed to set their compasses to 240 degrees and pace out another 50 steps.
7. At this point, they have completed walking a triangle and should end up fairly close to their starting point.

The exercise quickly becomes a game among students to see how close they can come to their starting point.

