

Hello, this is Adam and I'm a Native Speaker.

Cardinal points or points on a compass are:

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

They don't change in relation to one another.

So how do you know which direction you are facing.

If it's during the day then place a stick in the ground and mark its shadow. Wait 15 minutes. Mark the new shadow. Since the sun rises in the East, our shadow moves in the opposite direction across the ground, so the shadow will move West to East. North is above the East and West marks.

If it's during the night then locate the big dipper. The outer edge of the dipper (opposite the handle) points to Polaris, the north star.

Another way to find out which way you are facing is to check your cell phone, it may have an app with a compass.

I hope you enjoyed this lesson.

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