



- Compasses should be held horizontal to ground and level so that the needle can move freely in the liquid filled cavity of the compass.
- Holding the compass on your hand in front of you with the directional arrow pointing away from you—rotate your body until the red end of the magnetic needle aligns with the red orienting arrow on the compass face. This is called "putting red in the shed".
- When this is aligned, the directional arrow (and you) are facing the correct bearing (degrees).
- Look up from the compass and sight an object in the distance straight in front of you.
- Keeping this object in front of you, walk the specified distance. Concentrate on the object in the distance rather than the compass. Check the compass periodically to be sure that you are staying on the correct bearing.
- Adjust the bezel to the second specified bearing and in the same manner as before, "put red in the shed" for your new bearing.