

# Key features of a compass

Direction of travel arrow

Base plate

Index line  
(This is where we read the bearing)

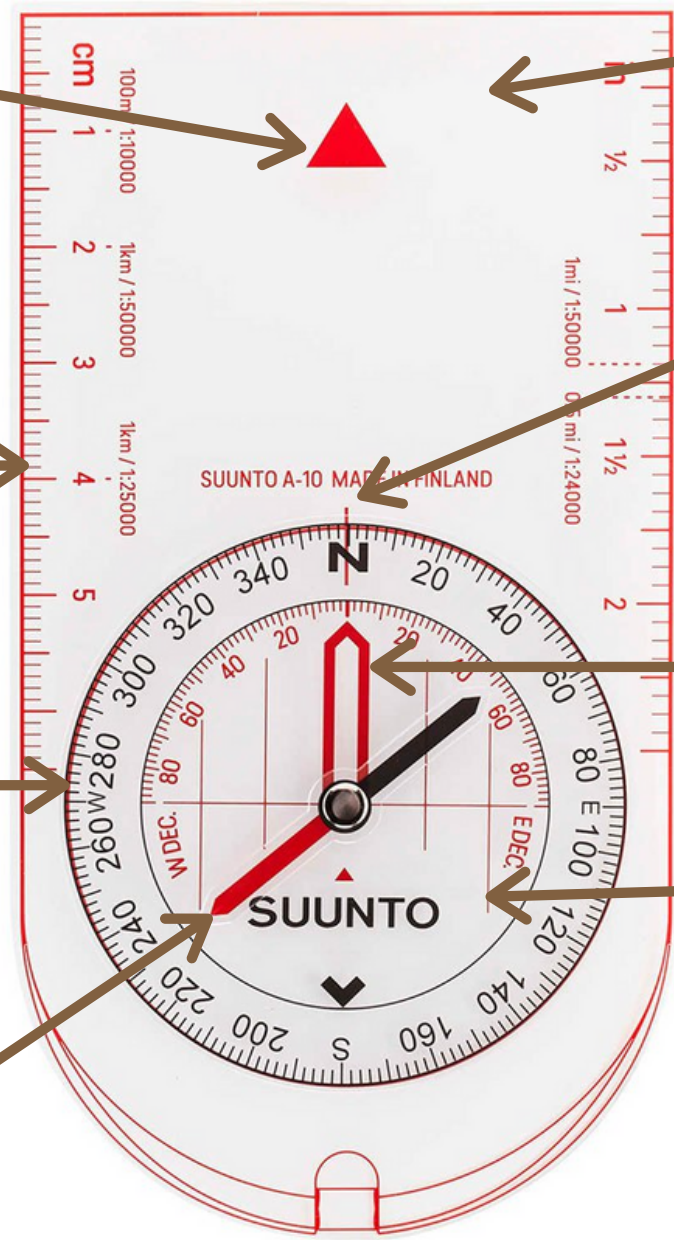
Ruler for scale

Orienting arrow

Rotating bezel

Orienting lines

Needle



# How to use a compass on the map

## to take a bearing:

1. Find your current location on the map (A).
2. Find the location you want to travel to on the map (B)



3. Lay the compass on the map with the left hand straight side of the **base plate** lining up with your current position and **direction of travel arrow** pointing in direction of your destination. Move the base plate so that it forms a line between location and destination.



4. Rotate the **bezel** so that the **orienting lines** are **lined up with North and South on the map**. Use the **gridlines** for this, making sure North on bezel points to North on map.



5. Look at **index line** to read the **bearing**. It will be a number between 0 and 360 degrees.

