

Map Skills

TYPES OF GEOGRAPHY

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY The impact of people on the earth

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY The natural world without people

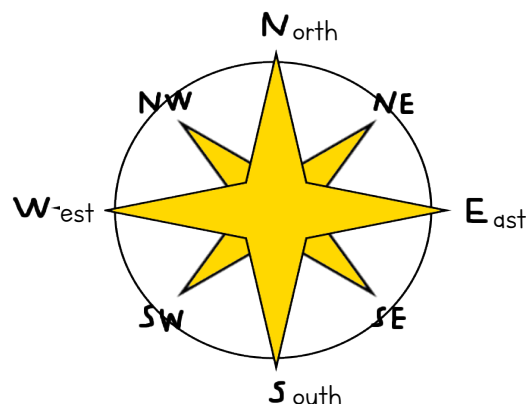
ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY Human interaction with nature

WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY

"Geography is the study of the Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is, quite simply, the study of the world we live in."

Geography is part of your everyday life; you use it every day without even realizing!

COMPASS POINTS



WHERE IS THE UK?



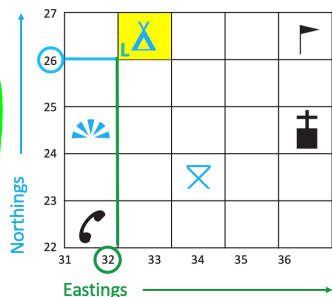
The United Kingdom (UK) is an Island country located in the continent of Europe, it is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

THE UK



4 FIGURE GRID REFERENCES

Along the edges of each map there are numbers. These numbers help you work out where a location is on a map. Northings are numbers that go from bottom to top, Eastings go from left to right.



The first two numbers give the eastings.

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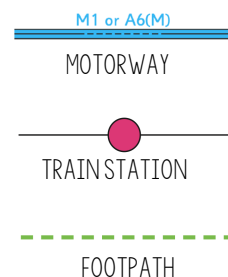
The second two numbers give the northings.

Remember... **eastings** then **northings**!

Along the corridor and **up** the stairs!

MAP SYMBOLS

Symbols are useful for lots of reasons including, space saving on a map, multi-lingual (all languages can understand them), saves time, clear.



ATLAS SKILLS

There are generally three main types of maps shown in an atlas:



PHYSICAL MAPS these show topography/relief (the shape of the land) and other physical features such as rivers and lakes.

POLITICAL MAPS these show country borders, cities, transport links etc.

THEMATIC MAPS these show information such as climate data, agriculture types etc.

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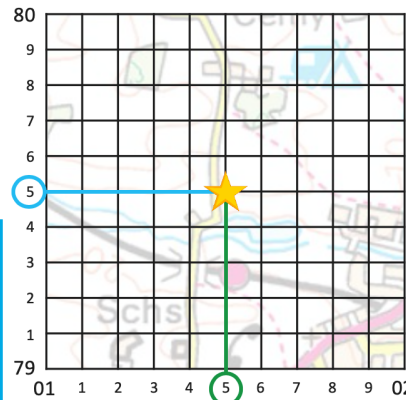
We can use six-figure grid references to find an exact location within a grid square, so they are much more accurate. The grid square is divided into tenths.

Example:

015 795

The first three numbers give the easting which includes the number of tenths.

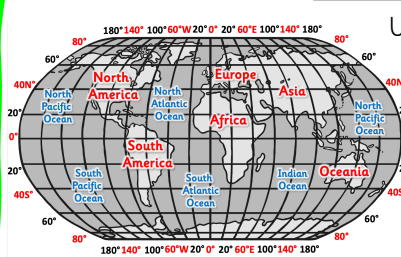
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KEYWORDS

SPACE				NORTH
PLACE	EAST	DISTANCE	RELIEF	CONTOUR
SCALE	SOUTH	SCALE	WEST	TOPOGRAPHY

LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE



Unlike grid lines where we go along the corridor and the stairs, here we go UP and ACROSS

LATITUDE

Flat lines. Flat-itude!

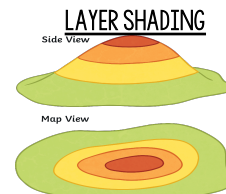
LONGITUDE

Long lines – up and down

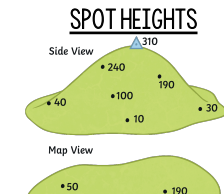
HEIGHT AND RELIEF

RELIEF the difference between the highest and lowest heights of an area.

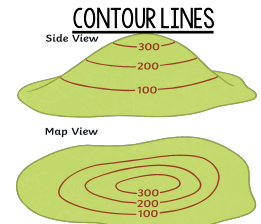
TOPOGRAPHY the surface features of the earth like hills, mountains, valleys etc.



Areas of different heights are shown using different colours. A key is used to show how high the land is.



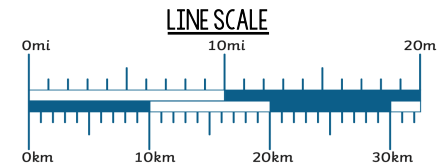
The exact height of a place above the ground is measured and written onto a map.



Contour lines are lines on a map which join up places of the same height. Everywhere along a contour line is the same height.

SCALE AND DISTANCE

OS maps have a scale. On some smaller maps, 1cm on the map equals 250m in real life. On some larger maps, 1cm on the map equals 500m. Different maps might have different scales, so check on your map to find its scale.



Using a line scale on a map is as easy as using a ruler. The important thing to remember is that a line scale shows measurements in km and the measurements on a ruler are in cm.

WORD SCALE

One centimeter on the map represents 3 kilometers on the ground. (1cm = 3 km)

Using the scale above, if we measure the distance on a map between two places with our ruler. The measurement is 4cm. We then have to multiply that measurement by 3 to calculate that the real distance between the two places is 12km.