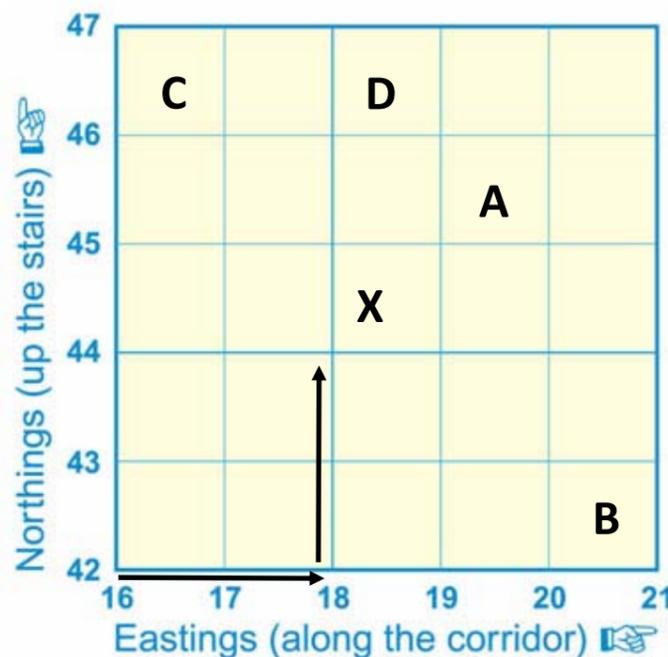


Key learning points

Why are maps important?	Maps help us to know the location of places. We can also use them to guide us when we move between places.
How is technology changing mapping?	Nowadays many people have mapping apps on their mobile phone. We also use satnavs. More people are using maps than ever before, but fewer people are using map skills.
What are Geographical Information Systems ? (GIS)	Geographical Information Systems allow us to make maps that have data and information layered on top of them. This is useful if we want to study the spatial distribution of information.
Why do we need to use compass directions?	Compass directions help us to orientate ourselves, and to direct others. They can be remembered using simple rhymes, such as Never Ever Support Wigan.
Why do we use symbols on maps?	Symbols are used to represent features on a map. The meaning of a symbol is given in the map's key.
Why do we use scale on maps?	Scale is used to show distance on maps. It also helps us to shrink objects so that they are proportional on a map.

Grid reference coordinates

Instructions: Find the box that your need coordinates for.. Then look at the **bottom left hand corner** of that box.. Next, go **along the corridor** to find the **Eastings** coordinate.. Finally, go **up the stairs** until you reach the **Northings** coordinate for the bottom left hand corner of your box.



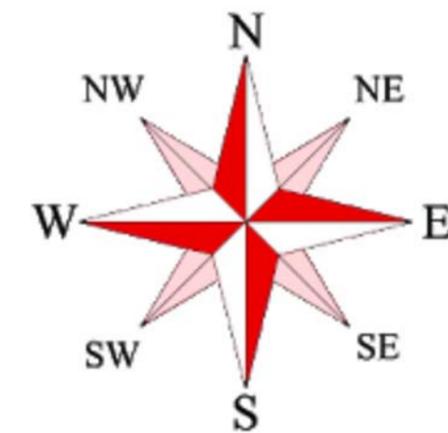
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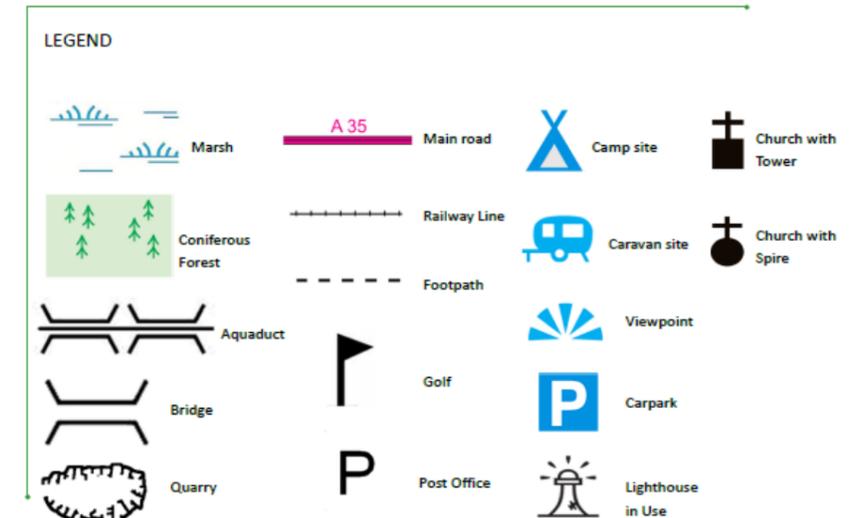


Countries	Capital cities	Seas
England	London	English Channel
Scotland	Edinburgh	North Sea
Wales	Cardiff	Celtic Sea
Northern Ireland	Belfast	Irish Sea

Compass directions



Ordnance survey map symbols



World map: Continents and oceans

