

Year 8 Geography- Ordnance Survey Maps

4 Figure Grid Reference	coordinates that guide you to a square on a map
6 Figure grid reference	Coordinates that guide you to a point on a map.
Ordnance Survey	organisation who make maps of the United Kingdom
Direction	Point on a compass
Scale	A way to measure distance/area. Shows the link between sizes on the map and real life size.
Symbol	Mini picture, colour, shape or patten that represents something in real life.
Relief	Shape of the land e.g. height, gradient.
Contour line	Brown lines that join places of equal height. Close together shows steep slopes, far apart gentle.
Valley	V shaped feature made by river erosion
Spur	Land that sticks out
Geographical Information System	Computer mapping and data software e.g. Arc GIS and Google Earth.
Latitude	Lines parallel to the Equator that tell us how far north or south we are.
Longitude	Lines that tell us how far east or west we are.
Cartographer	A person who draws maps
Land Surveyor	Someone who works out the features of a landscape so it can be mapped or used in some e.g. building on.
Scale line/bar	Line drawn next to a map which shows how distance on a map relates to real life distance.
A Road	Main road, smaller than a motorway
B Road	Minor road smaller than an A road/motorway.
Trig Point/ Triangulation Pillar	Found at the highest point in an area to indicate the very top of a hill/mountain.
Spot Height	A dot with a number showing how high in metres that place is.
Viewpoint	Places that are nice to look out from.

Vocabulary List