

Year 7 – Intro to Geography & Map Skills

Geography is the study of the earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is, quite simply, about the world in which we live and how we are all connected through processes.

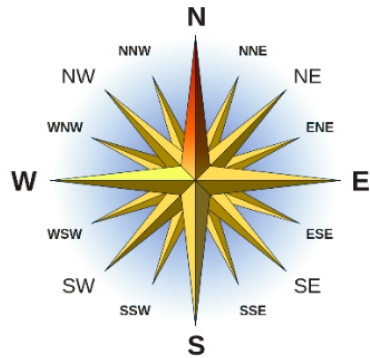
What should I already know?

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- Name and locate the four countries of the United Kingdom, the four capital cities and counties.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences of urban and physical areas

Key Vocabulary and Definitions

Human	A study of the people, work, lifestyles and settlements.
Physical	A study of the natural features of the earth.
Environmental	A study of the ways the earth's environment is affected by humans.
Sustainable	Meeting our needs of the planet, without harming it for others in the future.

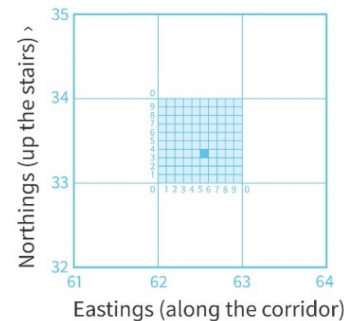
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Important Map Skill Facts

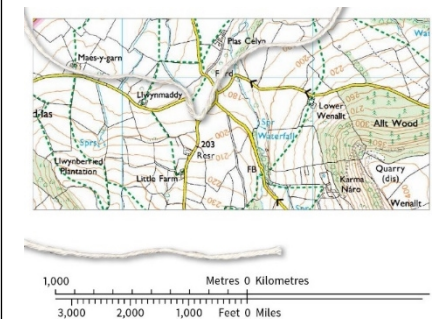
Grid References

GRs help us find places on a map. Remember to always go along the corridor and then up the stairs.
EG: 4-figure GR for the blue square would be in 62 33 and the 6-figure is 625 333.



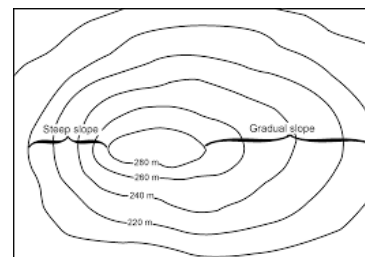
Scale

To work out distances we can use the scale bar. We can use paper, string or a ruler to measure distances. This helps us real distances. E.g. 4cm = 2km.



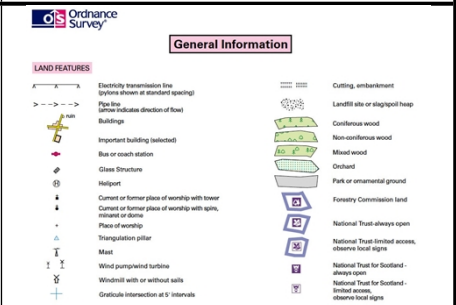
Contours

Contours show us the height of the land; how steep or flat land is. If the lines are closer together it is steep land, if they are further apart it is flatter.



Map Key

The key that you find on OS Maps is like a menu and tells us what each symbol represents – “a key unlocks the maps information.”



Urban =
City/Town



Rural =
Countryside

United Kingdom



Important Map Skill Facts

- Leicester is located in the East Midlands of the United Kingdom. The UK is part of the continent of Europe in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Continents can be measured in terms of land mass and the size of the population.

British Isles	United Kingdom	Great Britain
Is made up all the land mass in the map to the left: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland.	Is made up of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland.	Is made up of England, Scotland and Wales.

Map of Europe



World Map – Continents and Oceans

