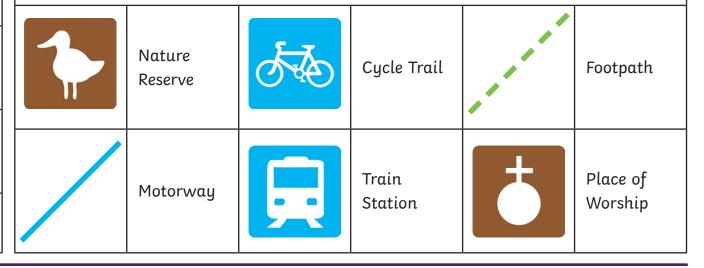
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Key Vocabulary		
atlas	A collection of maps often of each country in the world.	
compass	A tool used for showing direction.	
digital map	A map that uses technology such as a satnav.	
easting	The numbers used in a grid reference that run west to east.	
grid references	The numbered squares on a map used to locate a place.	
National Grid	A system used to split Great Britain into 100km squares.	
northing	The numbers used in a grid reference that run south to north.	
Ordnance Survey maps	Detailed maps of Great Britain where each square represents 1km squared (1km²).	
symbols	Small pictures, letters or lines that represent a feature.	

Compass Points		
Four-Point Compass	Eight-Point Compass	
N - north E - east S - south W - west	north (N) north-east (NE) east (E) south-east (SE) south (S) south-west (SW) west (W) north-west (NW)	

Symbols

- Maps use **symbols** instead of words to label real-life features.
- A key on the map tells you what the symbol means.



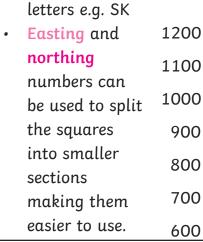
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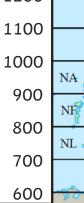
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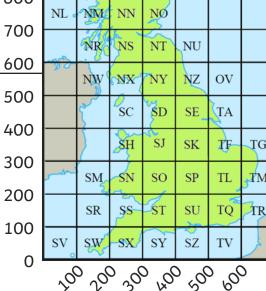
- · A map is criss-crossed with horizontal and vertical lines that create a grid.
- The grid and squares help to narrow a search area so you can locate features on a map.
- Usually, the lines are numbered with two digits.
- Eastings are the numbers that run from west to east.
- Northings are the numbers that run from south to north.
- The easting and northing numbers are put together to create a fourdigit grid reference, e.g. (32,43), which refers to the bottom left corner of a square on the map.
- Grid references can be even more specific by adding an extra digit to both the easting and northing numbers.
- These six-digit grid references, e.g. (323,432), tell us more precisely whereabouts in the square something is.

The National Grid

- The National Grid is a grid reference system for the whole of Great Britain.
- It splits Great Britain into squares each is 100km.
- The spaces can be identified by using two







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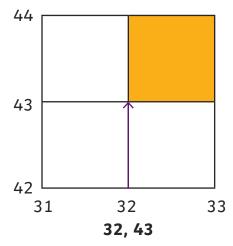
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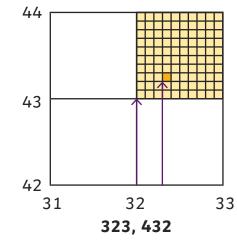
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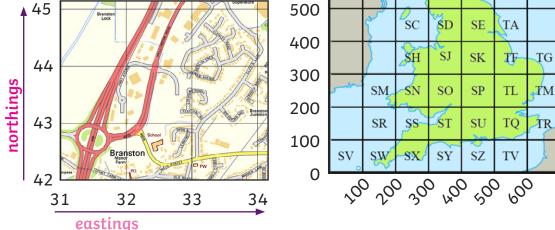
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Four-figure and six-figure grid references.



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