Great Meols Primary School - Geography

Topic: Mapping Skills Year 6 Strand: Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Mapping

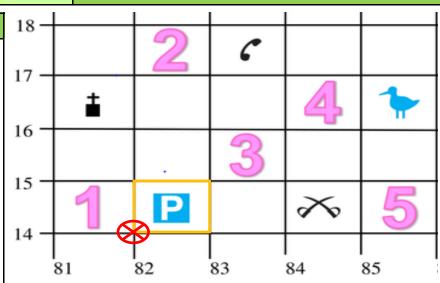
- A 2D representation of an area of land.
- \Diamond Symbols are used instead of words to locate human and physical characteristics.
- Symbols can be simple abbreviations, small diagrams, lines or different coloured lines.

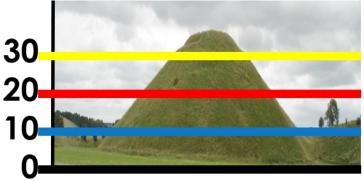
4-figure Grid Referencing

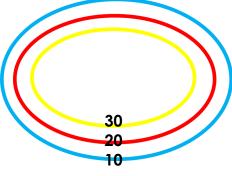
Use the Easting first and then the Northing. This is also known as 'along the corridor and up the stairs'. The point at which you find yourself is the bottom left corner of the grid you have located. An example of this can be seen in the diagram adjacent. The 'P' sign for parking is situated in the grid 8214.

6-figure Grid Referencing

This breaks down each of the squares into a further ten sections to give a more precise location. Follow the same routine as explained above to locate the feature however, due to the square being split into a further ten sections, you must include an extra number for both the easting and northing reading. On the diagram below, the church is located at grid reference 815163.







So on a man contour lines for the hill

U	would look like this!
Mapping	

Contour Lines

They are lines that show high and low areas of land. The contour line joins up areas of the same height so when they are close together, this means that it is a steep hill or cliff as seen in the diagram above.

Scale

Map scale is the relationship between distance on a map and distance in real life. There is usually a diagram that illustrates this in the maps key.

Vocabulary:		
Compass	Instrument containing a magnetized pointer to show direction	
Human Fea-	Features of land that have been impacted by human activity	
tures		
Physical Fea-	Branch of geography concerned with natural features of the	
tures	Earth's surface	
Cartographer	A person who produces maps	
Contour Lines	a line on a map that connects points of a land surface of equal height.	
Cross-section	A surface or shape exposed by making a straight cut through something	
Easting	Horizontal, easterly axis on a grid reference	
Grid Reference A map reference indicating a location in terms of a series of ve		
	tical and horizontal lines	
Key	A legend with a map containing the information needed to un-	
	derstand the symbols	
Northing	Vertical, northerly axis on a grid reference	
Ordnance Sur-	National geospatial experts who produce accurate locational	
vey	data	
Scale	The ratio of a distance on a map to the distance on the Earth	
Symbol	Something that represents something else	
Terrain	A stretch of land with regard to its physical features	