

Map Skills

Year 7

Term 1



1. Key Terms

Grid Reference	A way to find places on a map using numbered lines.
4-Figure Grid Ref-	Tells you which square a place is in on the map.
Geography	The study of the Earth — where places are, what they are like, and how people live there. It helps us understand the world around us.
Grid Reference	Tells you the square where something is on the map.
OS Map	A detailed map of the UK showing roads, rivers, hills, and buildings.
Key (or Legend)	A box on the map that explains what the symbols and colours mean.
Human Geography	Is about people and how they live.
Physical Geography	Is about nature and the Earth’s natural features.
Ocean	An ocean is a huge body of salt water that covers most of the Earth.
Continent	A continent is a very large area of land on Earth.
Country	A country is a smaller part of a continent. It has its own name, government,
County	A smaller part of a country. An area that has its own local government. For example, in England, West Yorkshire is a county.

Local Scale

OS Map symbol— A small picture or icon used on Ordnance Survey maps (the official mapping agency for Great Britain) to represent real-world features like buildings, roads, rivers, forests, and landmarks.

	Viewpoint
	Church w/ Spire
	Picnic Table
	Youth Hostel
	Parking
	Campsite

	Golf
	Quarry
	Nature reserve
	Non-coniferous forest

	Caravan site
	School
	Bus Station
	Train station

National and local scale

United Kingdom Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• England• Scotland• Wales• Northern Ireland	Great Britain Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• England• Scotland• Wales <i>Does not include Northern Ireland</i>	British Isles Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great Britain• Ireland (Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland)• Over 6,000 smaller islands (e.g. Isle of Man, Orkney, Shetland) Republic of Ireland is not part of the UK
Bradford Country: United Kingdom County: West Yorkshire City: Bradford	Queensbury One of the highest villages in England Country: England County: West Yorkshire City: Part of Bradford	

Continents and Oceans

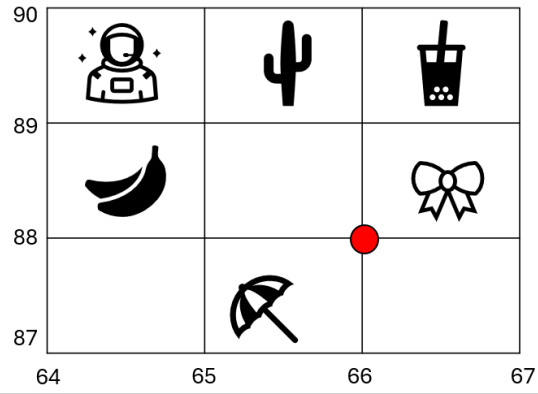
Continents

1. Africa
2. Antarctica
3. Asia
4. Europe
5. North America
6. South America
7. Oceania

Oceans

1. Pacific Ocean
2. Atlantic Ocean
3. Indian Ocean
4. Southern Ocean
5. Arctic Ocean

OS Map Symbols



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Golden Rules:

4 figure -

1. Along the corridor and up the stairs
2. Bottom left corner
3. No commas, no brackets

6 figure

1. Along the corridor up the stairs to find the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th figures.
2. Imagine the box is split into a 10 by 10 grid.
3. Repeat along the corridor up the stairs within that square to find the 3rd and 6th figures.

Command word focus

Describe

- SC1- State the trend/pattern.
- SC2- Provide example(s) SPEND (Statistics, places, events, names, dates)
- SC3- Identify anomaly or change in the data