Quick guide to grid references

This sheet is a quick guide to grid references. It should help you when you are asked to find something on a map, such as a town, or even an individual building.

The grid lines on an OS map are called eastings (along the corridor) and northings (up the stairs).

**Four-figure grid references**

Each square has a grid reference which you get by putting together the numbers of the easting and northing that cross in its bottom left hand corner.

**Six-figure grid references**

In your head, you should be able to divide all sides of the square into ten equal sections. By doing this, you can pinpoint locations within the square – these are called six-figure grid references.