

Keeping it local

Features of a map

grid references	A location on a map, which is found using the northing and easting numbered lines. Grid references are useful for helping a map user to find specific locations.
eastings	Are numbered lines on a map that run from top to bottom (or North to South).
northings	Are numbered horizontal lines found on maps. The equator is a northing line, and additional invisible lines surround the Earth moving away from the equator.
cardinal points	Are the four main directions or points of the compass: north, east, south and west. These direction are also written in short form as N, E, S and W. North and south are directed towards the north and south poles of the Earth.
key	Map keys use symbols, colours or lines to represent important places or landmarks on a map.

Key Places

Grange Park Primary School	Is a primary school along Worlds End Lane in Winchmore Hill. The school is built on what used to be a hunting ground.
Highlands Village	A development of residential flats and houses. This estate used to be a hospital.
house	A building that is made for people to live in.
Sainsbury's	Is the second largest chain of supermarkets in the UK.

Key vocabulary

human features	Houses, roads, bridges, shops and playgrounds are things that have been built by people.
physical features	Seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.
ordnance survey	A detailed map produced by the British or Irish government map-making organisation.
journey	An act of travelling from one place to another.
sketch map	A roughly drawn map that shows basic details.
route	A road or course of travel from one place to another.
compass	A tool for finding directions.

How do maps help us?

A grid reference is a location on a map, which is found using the northing and easting numbered lines. Grid references are useful for helping a map user to find specific locations. A 4-figure grid reference contains 4 numbers. The first two numbers are called the easting, which is the number you would look for at the bottom of the map. The second two numbers are called the northing and represent the numbers you would look for on the side of the map. A grid of squares helps the map-reader to locate a place. The purpose of a map key is to tell you the meaning of the symbols on a map. The key on a map interprets each symbol so that you can read and understand the map.

