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


| Lour-Point Compass | Eight-Point Compass |
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| N- north | north (N) <br> north east (NE) <br> east (E) <br> south east (SE) <br> south (S) <br> south west (SW) <br> west (W) <br> north West (NW) |
| W - south |  |

## Symbols

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



## Grid References

- 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.


323, 432

## 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 100 km .
- The spaces can be identified by using two

letters e.g. SK
- Easting and northing numbers can be used to split the squares into smaller sections making them easier to use.


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Four-figure and six-figure grid references.

