

Geography Task – 19.5.20

Maps and Grid References



Our Geography focus today is:

To study maps and use grid references correctly.

What is a map?

A map is a two-dimensional drawing of an area.

Maps can show the countryside, a town, a country or even the whole world.

They are used to help plan routes from one place to another, or to find certain features such as castles or hills.

Different types of map are used for different things depending on whether you are walking, driving or even flying somewhere.

Maps can be on paper or on a mobile phone, tablet or computer.

Task 1 - Maps and Directions

Explore more information about maps [HERE](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhtyv7)
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Read the information and watch two videos. Complete activity 1.

Task 2 - Grid References

What is a grid reference?

A grid reference tells you where something is on a map.

There are two parts to a grid reference:

The 1st letter or number tells you how far across the map something is.

The 2nd letter or number tells you how far up the map something is.



Task

a) Click [HERE](#) to find out more about using grid references on a map. Watch the video and play the game to support your learning.

b) Click [HERE](#) to find the coordinates on this treasure map.

You can record your work in your yellow homework or print off the worksheet.

Extension Task

Can you create your own map using grid references? You could do a treasure map, map of a park or even a map of your local area!

Click [HERE](#) to print off a template.