

Finn's Map-Reading Masterclass: Grid References

Navigate the World with Finn the Dolphin – Find Your Way Today!

- The vertical lines on a map are called 'Easting'. You must always read these numbers first by looking along the bottom of the map from left to right.
- The horizontal lines are called 'Northings'. You read these second by looking up the side of the map from the bottom to the top.
- A four-figure grid reference identifies a specific square on a map, rather than a single point.
- To find your square, always go 'along the corridor' (Easting) before you go 'up the stairs' (Northings).
- If you are looking at grid square 2435, the number 24 is your Easting and 35 is your Northing.

Did you know? Did you know? Early map-makers used the stars to help them draw accurate grids. Today, we use satellite technology to make sure every square on a map is perfectly measured, helping explorers find their way across the globe!

Key vocabulary: Grid lines · Eastings · Northings · Four-figure reference · Horizontal · Vertical