Finn’s Geography Challenge: Mastering Grid References

Learning objective: To understand and apply 4-figure and 6-figure grid references to locate features on an Ordnance Survey style map.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of map skills. Remember Finn the dolphin's golden rule: 'Along the corridor and up the stairs!'

What are the vertical lines on a map that measure distance eastwards?	Eastings
What are the horizontal lines on a map that measure distance northwards?	Northings
Which two digits do you write first in a 4-figure grid reference?	The Easting lines (the ones you cross first)
How many digits are in a 4-figure grid reference?	Four digits
What does a 4-figure grid reference identify on a map?	A specific grid square
How many digits are in a 6-figure grid reference?	Six digits
What does a 6-figure grid reference identify on a map?	A precise location within a grid square
In a 6-figure reference, what do the 3rd and 6th digits represent?	They represent the 'tenths' of a grid square
If you are finding a point, why must you go 'along the corridor' before 'up the stairs'?	To correctly identify the Easting coordinate first, followed by the Northing coordinate
Why do we use grid references instead of just pointing at a map?	To give a precise, universal location that anyone can find
Which feature on a map helps you work out real-world distances between two grid references?	The map scale