

Finn's Map Adventure: Using Grid References

Learning objective: To use four-figure grid references to locate features on a map.

Follow the prompts below to describe how to find places on a map. Use the word bank to help you write your sentences.

Finn the dolphin has found a treasure map, but he needs our help to name the places using four-figure grid references.

Word bank: along the bottom · up the side · the square · first · then · horizontal line · vertical line · is located at

1. How do you find the first number of a grid reference? Start by saying: To find the first number, I look... (2 marks)

2. How do you find the second number of a grid reference? Start by saying: Next, I look... (2 marks)

3. If a lighthouse is in grid square 04, 02, how would you describe where it is? Start by saying: The lighthouse is in the square where... (2 marks)

4. Why are grid references useful for explorers? Start by saying: Grid references are helpful because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you have hidden a secret shell on a map. Write down the four-figure grid reference so Finn can find it!