Finn’s Map-Reading Adventure: Grid References

Learning objective: To understand and use simple grid references to locate features on a map.

Use these flashcards to help you learn how to use grid references. Finn the dolphin suggests looking at the letters along the bottom and the numbers up the side of a map!

What is a map grid?	A set of lines crossing each other to form squares, used to help us find places easily.
Which direction do columns go on a map?	Vertical (up and down).
Which direction do rows go on a map?	Horizontal (side to side).
If a square is in column B and row 3, what is its grid reference?	B3.
When reading a grid reference, which should you find first, the letter or the number?	The letter (column) is usually found first, then the number (row).
Why do we use grid references?	To pinpoint the exact location of a place, building, or feature on a map.
If a treasure chest is in square A2, where should you look?	Go to column A and move up to row 2.
True or False: A grid reference tells you the size of a building.	False. It only tells you the location of the square.
What are coordinates?	A pair of numbers or letters used to show a precise position on a grid.
Finn is at C4. If he moves one square to the right, what is his new grid reference?	D4.
Finn is at C4. If he moves one square down, what is his new grid reference?	C3.
What is the 'key' of a map?	A list of symbols that explains what the features on the map represent.