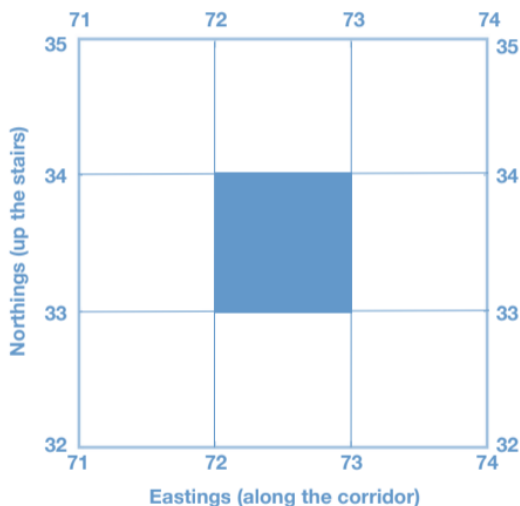


Year Five and Six Geography Grid References

Four-figure grid references

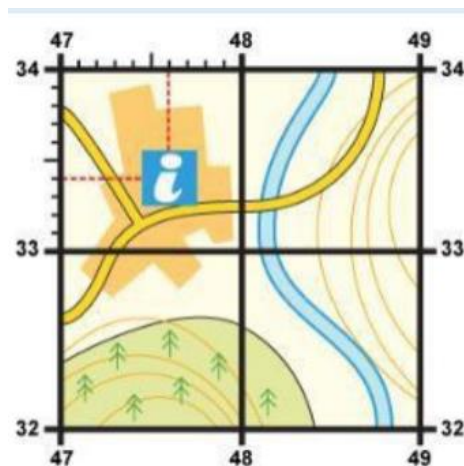
Maps have a grid system to help locate places with accuracy. The horizontal lines that divide the map are known as **northings** and the vertical lines are known as **eastings**. All of the eastings and northings are labelled with numbers that can be seen on all four edges of the map. By combining the numbers of the eastings and northings a grid reference is formed.



To find a place using a four-figure grid reference remember the rule: **go 'along the corridor' before going 'up the stairs'**. In this example, the grid reference for the square is 7233.

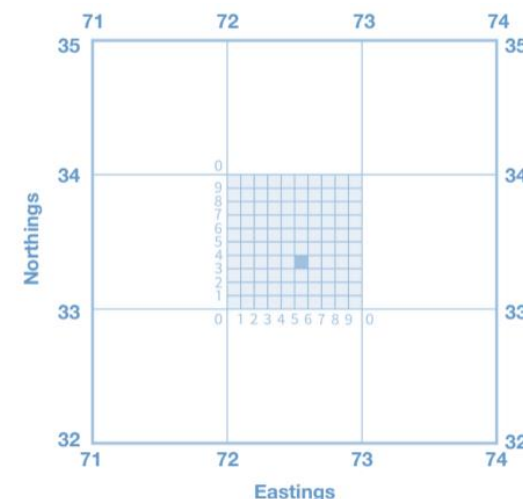
Key vocabulary

eastings	vertical lines that divide up a map
northings	horizontal lines that divide up a map
grid reference	corresponds to specific square or location on a map
Ordnance survey map	Ordnance Survey is Britain's mapping agency



Six-figure grid references

By dividing up the square, a six-digit grid reference can be created that corresponds to a specific location on the map.



First find the four-figure grid reference for the square that the location is in: 72_33_. Then imagine this square is divided up into 100 smaller squares with 10 squares along each side. Remember the rule: **go 'along the corridor' before going 'up the stairs'**. The grid reference for the smaller square is 725 333