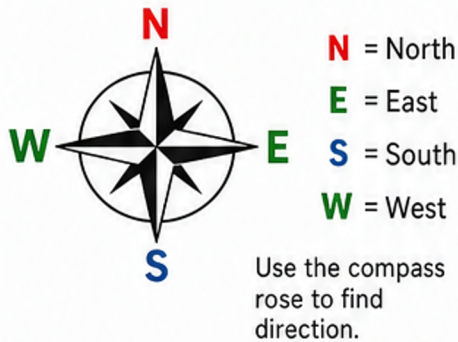


MAP SKILLS REFERENCE POSTER

• READ MAPS • UNDERSTAND PLACES • ASK QUESTIONS

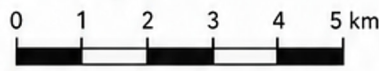
1 ORIENTATION – FIND DIRECTION



2 SCALE – MEASURE DISTANCE

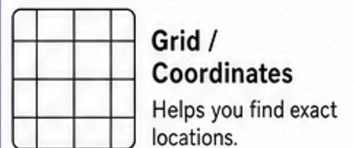
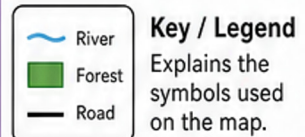
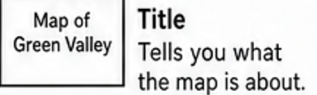
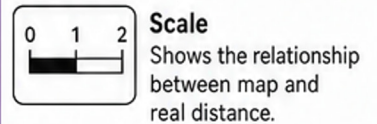
The scale shows how real distances are changed to fit on a map.

1 cm on the map = 1 km on the ground

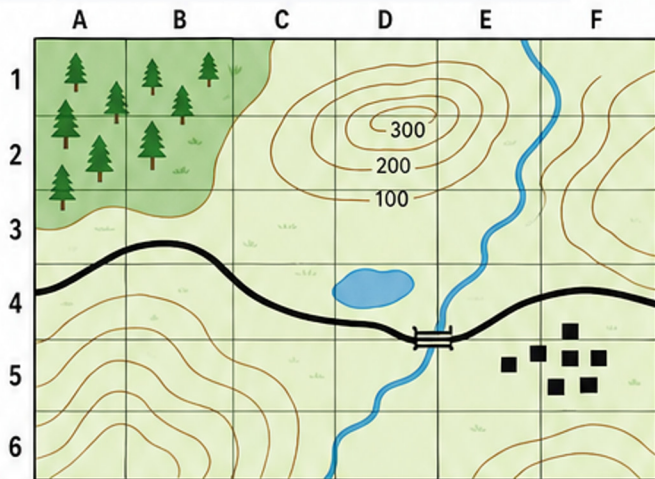


Measure with a ruler.
 Multiply by the scale.

MAP ELEMENTS



3 READ AND INTERPRET THE MAP

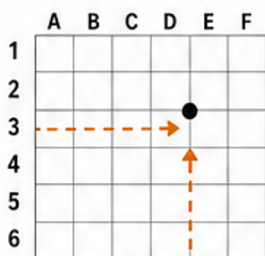


USE THE MAP



4 GRID REFERENCES

Use the grid to describe a location.

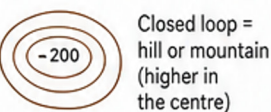


Read across first (letter), then up (number).

Example: **D3**

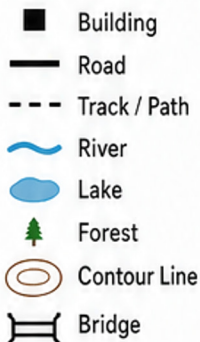
5 CONTOUR LINES

Contour lines show land shape and height.



6 SYMBOLS

Maps use symbols to show features.



7 THINK LIKE A MAP READER

- Look at the title.
- Find the key / legend.
- Check the compass and scale.
- Locate places using the grid.
- Measure and estimate distance.
- Describe what you see.
- Ask questions and investigate.

USE MAPS TO...



EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What is the grid reference of the lake?
- Which direction is the forest from the town?
- How far is the town from the bridge (estimate)?
- What is the highest point on the map?
- Where would you build a camping site? Why?
- How would you get from the town to the lake?