



Looking At Maps

Module Information Sheet

A Brief Description

A clear introduction to a range of mapping skills. Symbols, six-figure grid references and contours are all addressed, using the power of the computer to provide clear explanations. Interactive exercises test and reinforce the skills introduced.

Tips on using “Looking at Maps”

Choose from one of three areas of investigation.

“Symbols”. Click on the map to see an enlarged version of the symbol with an explanation of what it represents.

“Grids”. Use the forward and back arrows for a clear, step-by-step explanation of grid references. Calculate the references of specific squares on the grid, then identify features by combining knowledge of symbols and grid references.

“Contours”. Clicking on the map will show contour lines clearly, clicking again will fade them back. Use the forward and back arrows for a clear, step-by-step explanation of contours. The children can make their own predictions about the steepness of slopes. Concave and convex slopes are introduced and the children are challenged to identify landscapes from studying contour maps.

Curriculum Information

The National Curriculum in England for Geography (KS2)

Knowledge Skills and Understanding: 1a, 2a, 2c.

The Scotland 5-14 Guidelines for Environmental Studies

Social subjects – Using Maps.

The Northern Ireland Curriculum for Geography (KS2)

Geographical Skills: a, d, e.

The National Curriculum in Wales for Geography (KS2)

Ge1: 1.7.