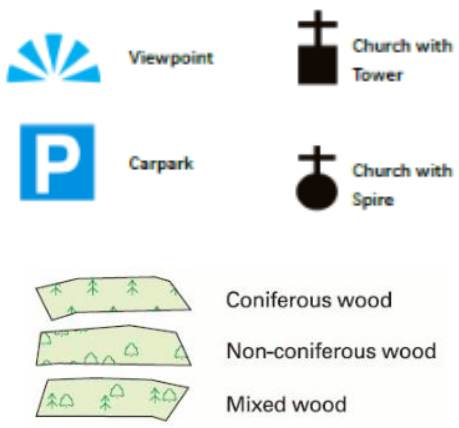
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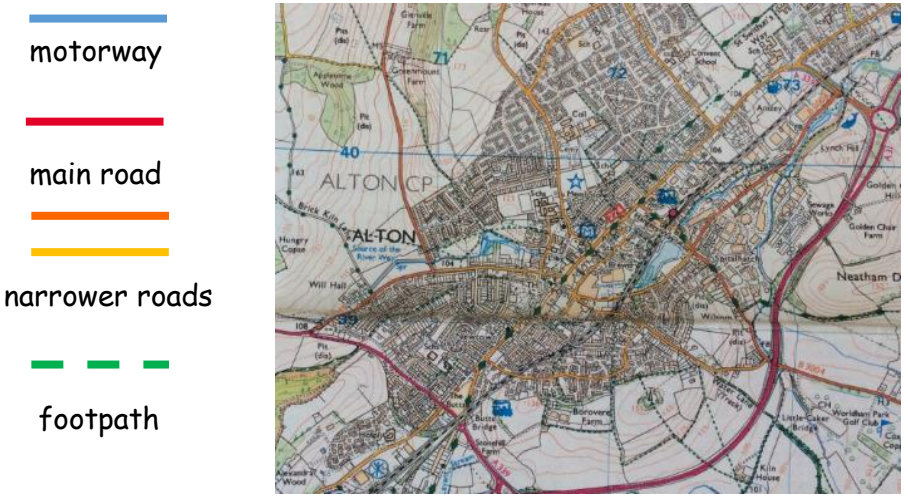
Vocabulary Top Ten:

aerial photograph	a photograph taken from an aircraft or flying object
compass	used to help people find their way or show the position of something
contour lines	a line on a map joining points that are the same height above sea level
easting	horizontal grid lines
four-figure grid reference	a useful way of identifying any square on a map
key	a list of symbols used on a map
northing	vertical grid lines
Ordnance Survey (OS)	Britain's mapping agency which create up to date and accurate maps showing the landscape's human and physical features
six-figure grid reference	a useful way to find an exact location within a grid square
sketch map	a roughly drawn map that shows only basic details

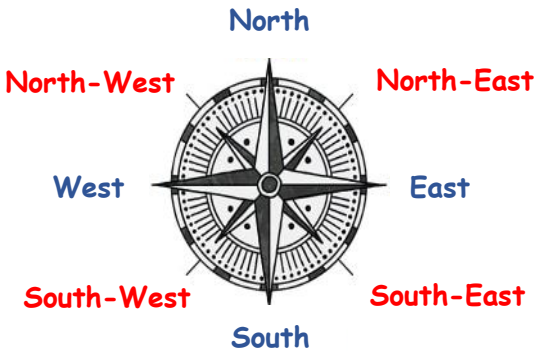
Example OS Symbols



OS Map of Alton



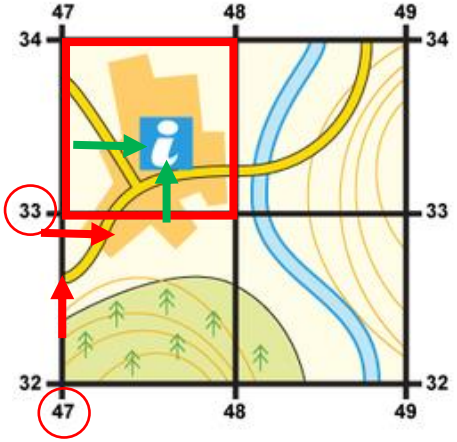
Points of a compass



Six-Figure Grid Reference

Find **476334**

- Each grid square is split into tenths.
- On a map, the grid squares do not have the tenths marked on them so you have to carefully estimate.
- Go along the bottom of the map until you reach the easting 47 then estimate 6 tenths along.
- Then, go up the side of the map until you reach the northing 33 then estimate 4 tenths along.



OS map of St Lawrence Church



Aerial photograph of St Lawrence Church



1895 OS map of Alton

