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Map Skills

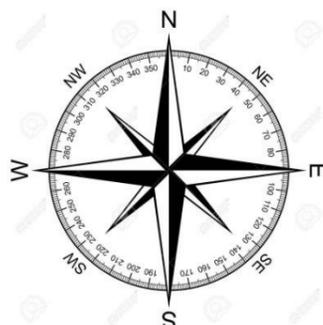


6 figure grid reference

National Grid references are used to accurately pinpoint your location on an Ordnance Survey map.

8 point compass

A compass is a tool for finding direction. The magnetized needle always points at magnetic North. You may need one of these when orienteering!



Human Geography Features

Population	Population is the number of people in a geographic area. Greater London has the densest population in the UK, with around 9 million people living in it (14 million if you include its wider metropolitan area).
City	A city is a large town, usually with a cathedral. London is the capital city (and the largest city) of both England and the United Kingdom.
County	A county is a specific region of a country with its own council, such as Leicestershire.
Borough	A borough is an area of a city such as Greenwich and Croydon. There are 33 boroughs in London.
Settlement	A settlement is a place where people choose to live where people establish a community. London has been a major settlement for around two millennia – it was founded by the Romans.
Parliament	Members of Parliament make decisions on how to run the country. They are responsible for making new laws.
Monarchy	The monarchy is the King or Queen of a country and their royal family. Buckingham Palace has housed the monarchy since 1837.

Landmarks in London



London is current split into 32 Boroughs – plus the City of London.



Tower of London

The Tower of London is a historic castle based on the north side of the River Thames in central London. It was founded in 1066 after the Norman Conquest. It was used as a prison from 1100 until 1952. It also where the Crown Jewels are kept.

Big Ben

Big Ben is the name given to the clock tower at the north end of the Palace of Westminster. When it was built in 1859, it was the largest chiming clock in the world. It is now a British cultural icon that is recognised all over the world.



Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is the London residence of the monarch (King or Queen) of England. Elizabeth II currently lives in the palace. The building has existed since 1703. The palace has 775 rooms and the garden is the largest private garden in London.

St. Paul's Cathedral

St. Paul's cathedral is in the City of London. The old version of the cathedral, built 1310, was the tallest building in the world until 1311. It was destroyed in the 1666 Great Fire of London and was rebuilt, designed by Christopher Wren.



Physical Geography Features

The River Thames		The River Thames is the longest river in England, at 215 miles long. The Romans originally formed 'Londinium' in about 47AD, using the river as a valuable trade route.
Estuary		An estuary is where a river flows into the sea. London is based at the head of its 50-mile estuary leading to the North Sea.
Climate		London has a temperate climate, meaning that it has cool summers and mild winters.
Royal Parks		There are 8 Royal Parks in London which were former Royal Hunting Grounds. These include Hyde Park, Green Park and St James' Park.

