



Year 3 Europe (Map Work)



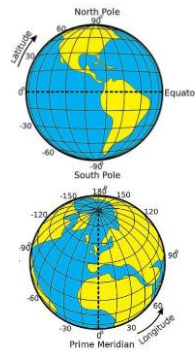
Sticky Knowledge

- There are 44 countries in Europe. A small number of countries on the continent are transcontinental, meaning they are considered to be part of both Europe and Asia.
- Moscow, in Russia, is the largest city (not including transcontinental cities) with more than 12 million inhabitants.
- Mount Elbrus in Russia (5,642 metres) is the highest mountain in Europe and is part of the Caucasus mountain range.
- The Volga River in Russia (3,530km) is Europe's longest river.
- The Danube is the most important commercial waterway in Europe.
- Lake Ladoga in Russia is Europe's biggest lake and among the world's biggest freshwater lakes.



Map Reading

Maps are usually too small to contain lots of writing so instead there are symbols. There is usually a **key** at the side of the map which explains what the **symbols** mean. Most maps will have a **compass** in the corner.



How to use an atlas

An atlas is a book of maps that tell us about different parts of the world. Most maps in atlases show countries, roads, or physical features like rivers and mountains. They have a table of contents in the front and an index at the back.

To find out how far north or south a place is, **lines of latitude** are used. These lines run parallel to the **equator**.
To find out how far east or west a place is, **lines of longitude** are used. These run from the top of the Earth to the bottom.

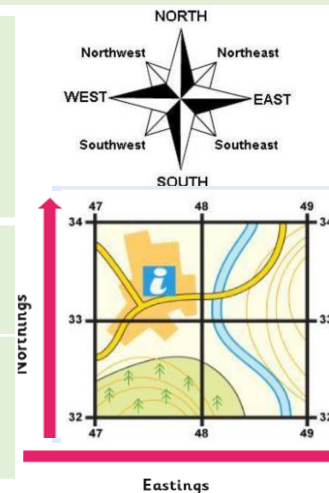
Four-figure Grid Reference

Maps have grid lines on them- we use them to pinpoint locations by using grid reference. A four-figure grid reference is a good way of identifying any square on a map, six-figure grid references are best for giving exact locations. Grid references are easy, as long as you remember that you always go along the corridor before you go up the stairs.

Step 1: Start at the left-hand side of the map and go east until you get to the bottom-left corner of the square you want. Write this number down e.g. 47

Step 2: Move north until you get to the bottom-left corner of the square you want e.g. 33

Step 3: Now put your two answers together e.g. 47 33. There is no need to add brackets, commas, dashes etc.



Key Vocabulary

European Union	The EU tries to make it easier for Europeans to buy and sell things/trade with each other.
Mediterranean	It is a body of water that separates the continents of Europe, Africa and Asia.
Euros	Euro is the currency used by many of the European Union countries.
Brexit	Brexit stands for Britain exiting the European Union. In a vote in 2016, adults in Britain narrowly voted for leaving the EU.
Berlin Wall	The wall that used to separate East Berlin and West Berlin. It was built in order to prevent people from fleeing East Berlin.
Eiffel Tower	Situated in Paris and was constructed as part of the world fair in Paris in 1889.
Greek Isles	Greece has a number of islands around its main land which are famous for being holiday destinations.
atlas	A book of maps.
lines of latitude and longitude	A system of lines used to describe the location of any place on Earth.
equator	An imaginary circle around the middle of the Earth.
compass	A tool for finding direction
eastings	The horizontal lines on a map.
northings	The vertical lines on a map.