

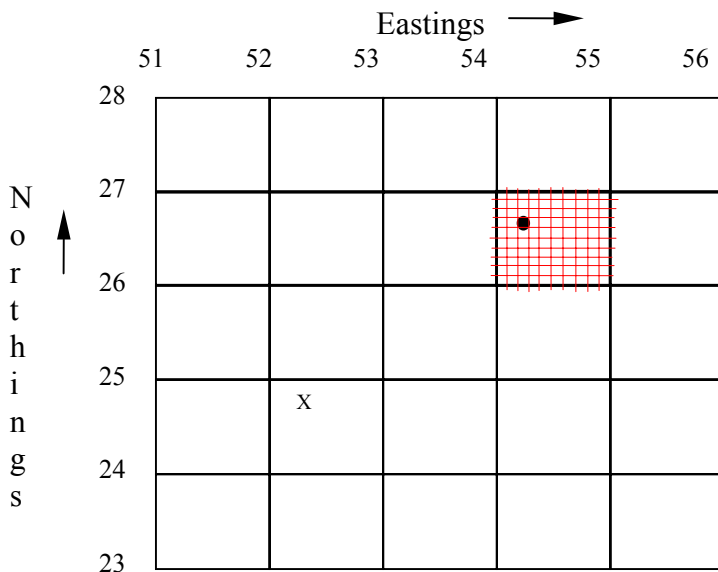
## 'SIX FIGURE MAP REFERENCES' MADE EASY

Ordnance Survey Maps (O.S. Maps) are divided into **squares**. Each map has a code like SO or SP etc.

Each line of a square has either of two numbers, one on the horizontal line, or one on the vertical line.

Numbers which **INCREASE to the EAST** → (the **VERTICLE** lines) are called 'EASTINGS'  
**EASTINGS are always read FIRST.**

Numbers which **INCREASE to the NORTH** ↑ (the **HORIZONTAL** lines) are called 'NORTHINGS'  
**NORTHINGS are always read SECOND.**



### MAKING UP A MAP REFERENCE

The SPOT is in the square bounded by:  
EASTINGS **54 & 55**  
NORTHINGS **26 & 27**  
(Always take the **lower** figures)

The spot is therefore in MR 5426  
This is not accurate enough.

Each square should be divided into  
**10 divisions.**

Calculate how many divisions into the square your spot is situated, RIGHT & UP.

The SPOT is: **3 divisions RIGHT & 7 divisions UP.**

The 6 Figure Map reference is therefore: **54 and 3 divisions right & 26 and 7 divisions up.**

**It is written simply: MR 543267 (but give the OS Map Code too like SO or SP)**

### READING A MAP REFERENCE.

Say you are given a Map Reference of **SP 523248**. First cut it in half: **523 & 248**

Then put in a decimal point before the last numbers: **52.3 & 24.8**

The position is, therefore, **52 & 3 divisions RIGHT & 24 & 8 divisions UP** (X marks the spot!)

(A rhyme to remember the Eastings first & Northings second:  
**ALONG the CORRIDOR then UP the STAIRS**)

