

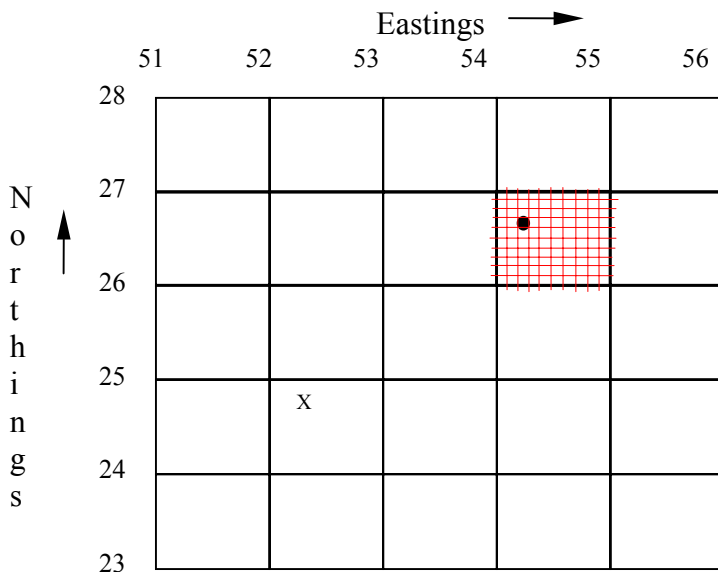
'SIX FIGURE MAP REFERENCES' MADE EASY

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)

