



Ordnance Survey

1833 a geographical survey (mapping) of Great Britain started



led by expert gunners who were trained in measuring distances



ordnance survey

cannon or great gun + look upon or notice



small-scale Ordnance Survey map



When you look at an OS map, **North** always points to the top of the page



Scale means how much you'd have to **increase** the size of your map to make it the same as the land you were looking at. For example, a map scale may say 1:25 000

large-scale Ordnance Survey map



small-scale OS map places and spaces look **smaller**



wider view of the area cities, towns, motorways, mountains and hills

1cm = 25 000 of those cm on the ground

1cm on the map = 25 000cm = 250m

large-scale OS map everything looks **larger**

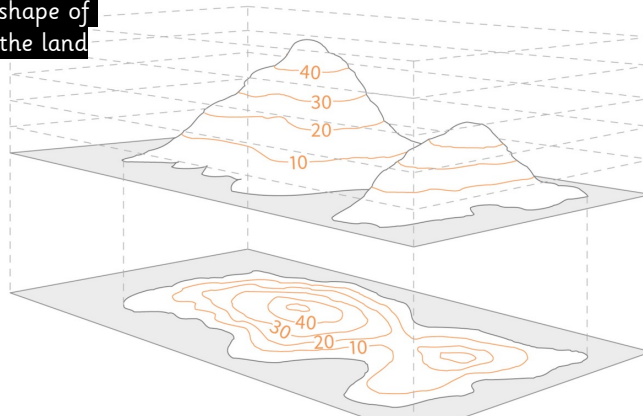


buildings, roads, houses, rivers and contour lines

contour lines

help us understand the shape of the ground from a map
join up equal points of height on a map
tell us how high a place is above sea level

shape of the land



map view

contour lines

the closer the contour lines are, the steeper the slope
follow the line to find the height above sea level

