

# 1. What is a continent?

The worlds main areas of land

# 2. What are the seven continents?

- North America
- South America
  - Asia
- Europe
- Africa
- Australasia
- Antarctica

# 7. Four-figure grid references

In order to locate a particular square, find the **bottom left-hand corner** and write down the numbers of the lines which pass through the corner

The **EASTING** (horizontal) line is number **24**

The **NORTHING** (vertical) line is number **37**

So, the four-figure grid reference is: **24 37**

*"Along the corridor and up the stairs" may help you remember!!*

REMEMBER: **E**astings number first  
**N**orthings number second

# 4. Scales on a map

Most maps have a scale. These help us to work out distances on maps.

This is given by the scale statement (eg 1:25,000) and/or by showing a scale bar. The scale shows how much bigger the real world is than the map. If the scale is 1:50,000 it means that the map is 50,000 times smaller than the real world.

# 3. What is the difference between physical and human features?

## Physical

Physical-These are features that have been created NATURALLY, such as mountains, rivers and coastal landscapes.

## Human

Human- These are features that are man made and created by humans. For example Big Ben, Tower Bridge, Birmingham Bull Ring.

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# Map Skills

## A. Continents, Oceans and Lines of Latitude and Longitude

# 6. Key Terms

- Human geography**  
The study of how humans affect, or are affected by, the earth
- Physical geography**  
The study of the natural features of the earth
- Ocean** A very large expanse of sea
- Continent** Any one of seven large land masses of the Earth
- Country** A nation with its own government, occupying a particular area
- Capital city** The most important city in a country, usually where the government is based
- Compass** An instrument showing the direction of north using a magnet
- Longitude** Vertical lines on a map that show how far east or west a place is. It is measured in degrees (°)
- Latitude** Vertical lines on a map which show how far north or south a place is, measured in degrees (°)
- Grid reference**  
A map reference indicating a location in terms of a series of vertical and horizontal grid lines identified by numbers or letters
- Ordnance Survey (OS)**  
A national mapping agency in the United Kingdom which covers the island of Great Britain
- Contour lines** A series of lines on maps which connect areas of same height.

# 5. 8 point compass

