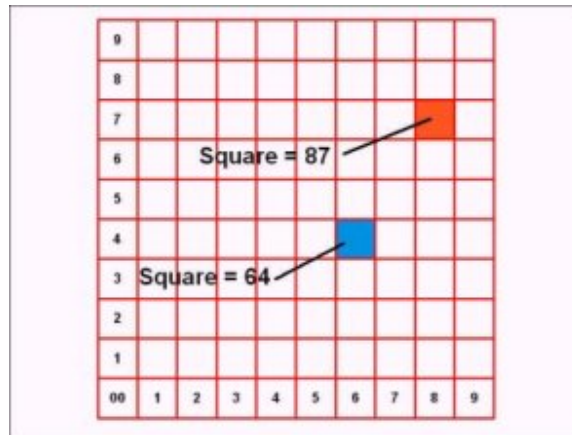


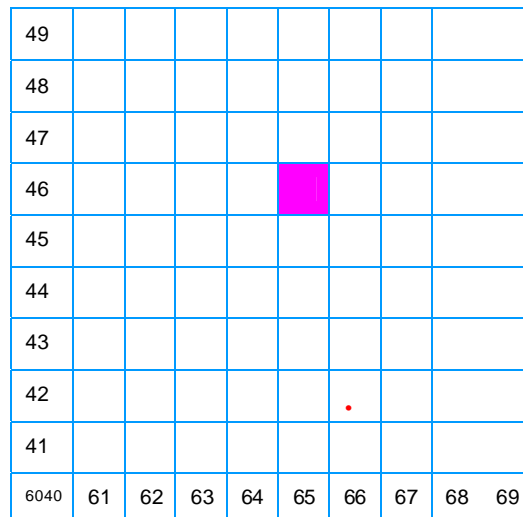
How to Give a Map Reference

The Ordnance Survey has divided the map of the UK into a series of 100km squares, which are each given a unique two-letter code – usually found in the corners of the map in blue lettering, e.g. NT.

Each 100km square is then broken into 100 10km squares and referenced by the easting (numbered left to right) first, then the northing (numbered bottom to top). The two 10km squares on the diagram shown below would be referenced as NT64 and NT87 respectively:



Each 10km square is further divided into 100 one-hundred metre squares marked on the map in blue lines. On a 1:50,000 OS map these are 2cms apart. So for the square NT64 above, the eastings and northings for the squares would be numbered as shown on the diagram below:



The pink square would be NT6546;
 The square with the red dot would be NT6642

To give a 6-figure map reference, imagine that each square is further divided up into tenths numbered west to east and south to north.

The dot in square NT6642 would be read off as about NT663423