



## USING GRID REFERENCES

Great Britain is covered by grid squares measuring 100 kilometres by 100 kilometres and each grid square is identified by two letters (see **Diagram A**). This reference system is known as the National Grid.

The two-letter names of each large 100km x 100km square are shown in the bottom right corners of the squares on your map.

These squares are further divided into smaller squares by grid lines representing 10km x 10km spacing, each numbered from 0 to 9 from the south west corner, in an easterly (left to right) and northerly (upwards) direction (see **Diagram B**).

Using this eastings and northings system you can identify a 10km x 10km grid square. For example, **Diagram B** shows TL63. After the letters, you count **along the eastings (6)** first, then **up the northings (3)**. If you have trouble remembering the order, say: **ALONG** the corridor, then **UP** the stairs.

**DON'T FORGET:** the first 10km x 10km square in the south west corner of the grid is numbered 0, because the numbering system goes from 0 to 9!

			HO	HP		
			HT	HU		
	HW	HX	HY	HZ		
NA	NB	NC	ND	NE		
NF	NG	NH	NJ	NK		
NL	NM	NN	NO	NP		
	NR	NS	NT	NU		
	NW	NX	NY	NZ	OV	
		SC	SD	SE	TA	
		SH	SJ	SK	TF	TG
	SM	SN	SO	SP	TL	TM
	SR	SS	ST	SU	TQ	TR
SV	SW	SX	SY	SZ	TV	

Diagram A

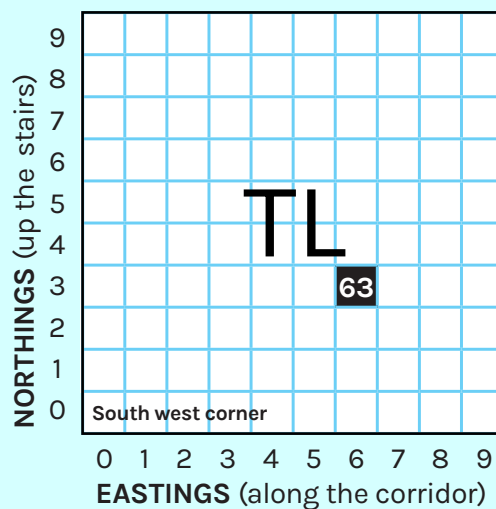


Diagram B