

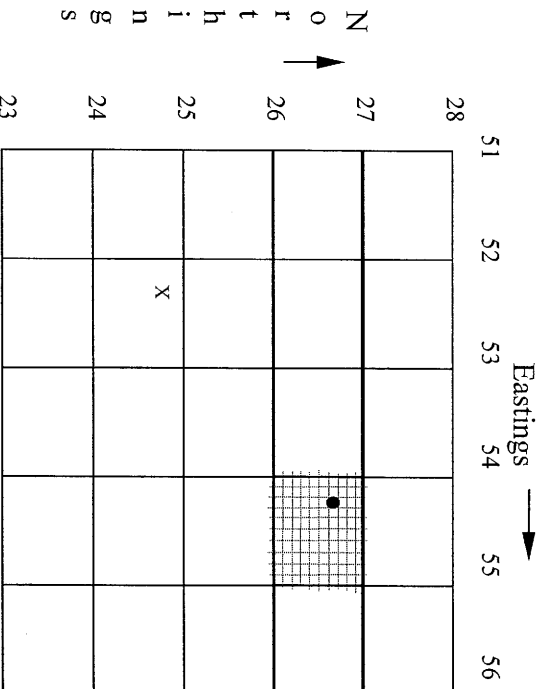
## 'SIX FIGURE MAP REFERENCES' MADE EASY

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)

