Map Symbol Quiz - Instructions

Quiz from Hampshire Scouts

This quiz will help you learn some of the important symbols that are used on OS Explorer maps (1:25 000 scale).

The ones on OS Landranger maps (1:50 000 scale) are slightly different, but there are a lot of similarities.

To see all the symbols, look at the legend panel (the key) on a paper map, or look them up online.

You can print the pages if you like, or use them on the screen.

To use the quiz on your own

- 1. Start by looking at page 1, showing only the symbols. Try and note down what they represent. Then check against page 2, which contains the answers.
- 2. Study page 2 to learn what all the symbols mean. To help you remember, use whatever methods work for you: saying the name while looking at the symbol, drawing the symbol, thinking what it represents (eg for churches with spire or tower the circle and square represent what they look like from above).
- 3. Go back to page 1 to check how much you have learned.
- 4. Finally, print page 3 if you can, or use paper. Try and draw the symbols for these features. Then check your answers.
- 5. Go back and do all this again a few times, because that is how you will remember.

To use the quiz with a friend

- 1. Person A looks at page 2 with the answers and starts a timer.
- 2. Person B looks at page 1 and goes through the symbols line by line saying what they are, or "pass" if they can't remember.
- 3. After each answer, Person A says 'right' or 'wrong'. If wrong, or 'pass', they give the correct answer. They keep count of the wrong answers.
- 4. Person A stops the timer at the end. Note the number of wrong answers and the time taken.
- 5. Swap over and repeat 1-4.

You can do this a few times to see how fast and accurate you become.

It's a good idea to break between rounds and do something else for a few minutes, and to switch who starts off giving the answers.

If you like, you can do the same with page 3, describing the symbol or drawing it and showing it to your friend.

Map Symbol Quiz Page 1

Feature	Map Symbol	Feature	Map Symbol
	M 1		
	A30		FB
			## ## G Q Q Q Q Q Q Q
			P
	CG		X
	+		6
	5		
	i		PC
			X
	N 2		

Map Symbol Quiz Page 2 (Answers)

Feature	Map Symbol	Feature	Map Symbol
Motorway	M 1	Youth Hostel	
Main Road	A30	Footbridge	FB
Minor Road (junction)		Woodland	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Railway & Station		Car Park	P
Footpath		Golf Course	
Cattle Grid	CG	Campsite	X
Place of Worship	+	Telephone	6
Church with spire	5	Public House	
Church with tower	i	Toilet	PC
Building		Picnic Site	X
Mast	Ā	Fence	
Viewpoint	N2	Electricity line with pylons	

Map Symbol Quiz Page 3

Feature	Map Symbol	Feature	Map Symbol
Motorway		Youth Hostel	
Main Road		Footbridge	
Minor Road		Woodland	
Railway & Station		Car Park	
Footpath		Golf Course	
Cattle Grid		Campsite	
Place of Worship		Telephone	
Church with spire		Public House	
Church with tower		Toilet	
Building		Picnic Site	
Mast		Fence	
Viewpoint		Electricity line with pylons	