



## Where does the name Ordnance Survey come from?

1833  
a geographical survey (mapping) of Great Britain started

led by expert gunners who were trained in measuring distances



ordnance  
cannon or great gun



survey  
look upon or notice



This map shows the regions of the UK



This is NOT an OS map

This is a **small-scale** Ordnance Survey map



When you look at an OS map, **North** always points to the top of the page

small-scale OS map

places and spaces look **smaller**  
wider view of the area  
cities, towns, motorways, mountains and hills

This is a **large-scale** Ordnance Survey map

large-scale OS map  
nearer  
buildings  
roads  
rivers  
historical sites  
everything looks **larger**



Map key

unlocks the map  
symbols help you read the map  
Sch = school  
P = parking  
= toilets  
= leisure centre