

**Where does the name Ordnance Survey come from?****1839**

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