

Geography

Using maps to write directions

Downloadable Resource

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Task 1 - Answer these questions

1. What makes a set of directions clear and easy to follow?

2. What should you include when writing directions to follow on a map?

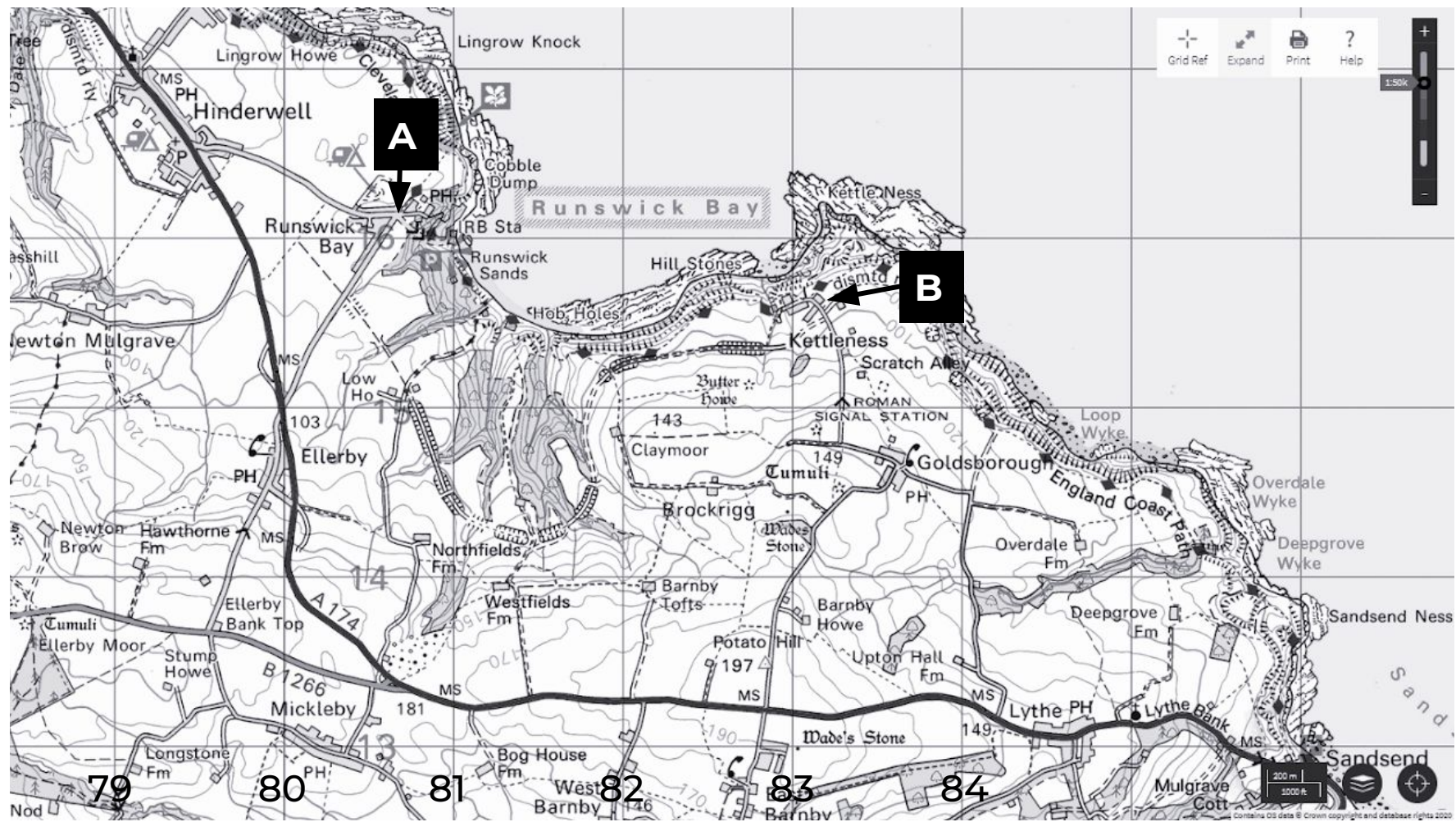


Task 2 - Use the map on the next slide to create step-by-step instructions for a car journey from Point A (806161) to Point B (832156)

Try to include

- Left and right instructions for the perspective of the traveller
- Distances (these can be estimated distances, e.g. *'in approximately 500m turn left'*)
- Four and six figure grid references
- Compass points
- Contours or natural features
- Place names





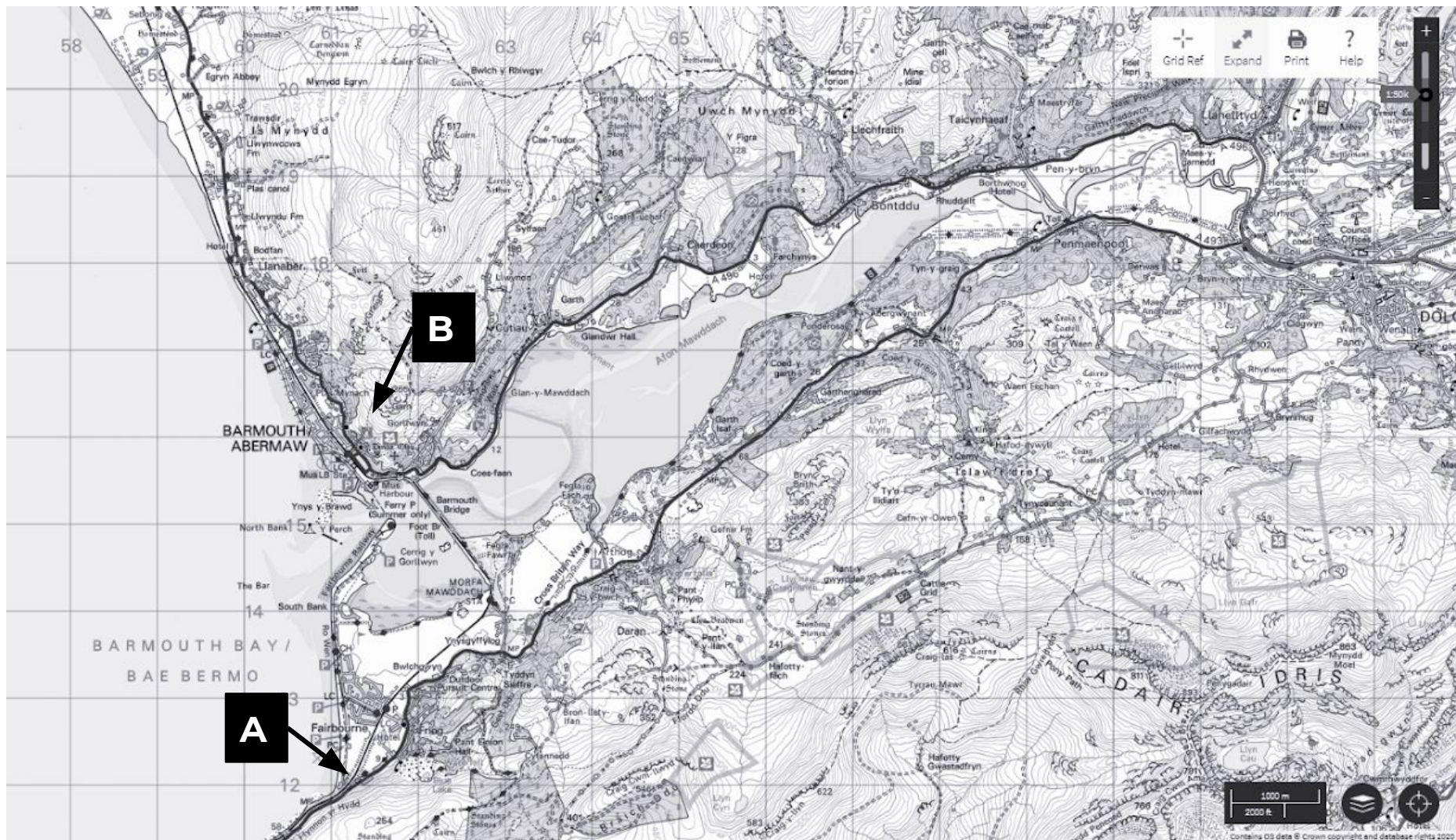
Task 3 - Alternative routes

It is natural for people to plan the shortest and therefore quickest route from one place to another, however someone who drives a lot may want to take a more scenic route to get to their final destination.

The quickest route from Point A to Point B on the map on the next slide would be over Barmouth Bridge, however you need to create an alternative route which could be more scenic. Create a step-by-step route and note down all the things you might see along the way.

Optional - If you want to find out more, go onto OS Maps or Google Maps online and find this location. It is called Barmouth Bay in Wales.





Optional tasks

1. Create a list of directions for somewhere you know!
 - Your home to your school
 - Your home to a friend or family member's home
2. Map Art - You can either track your walk using an app on your phone or use an online map such as OS Maps or Google Maps to do this. You make a route which can create an outline of a drawing.
3. OS GetOutside webpage has other great activities you can try.

