

Symbols

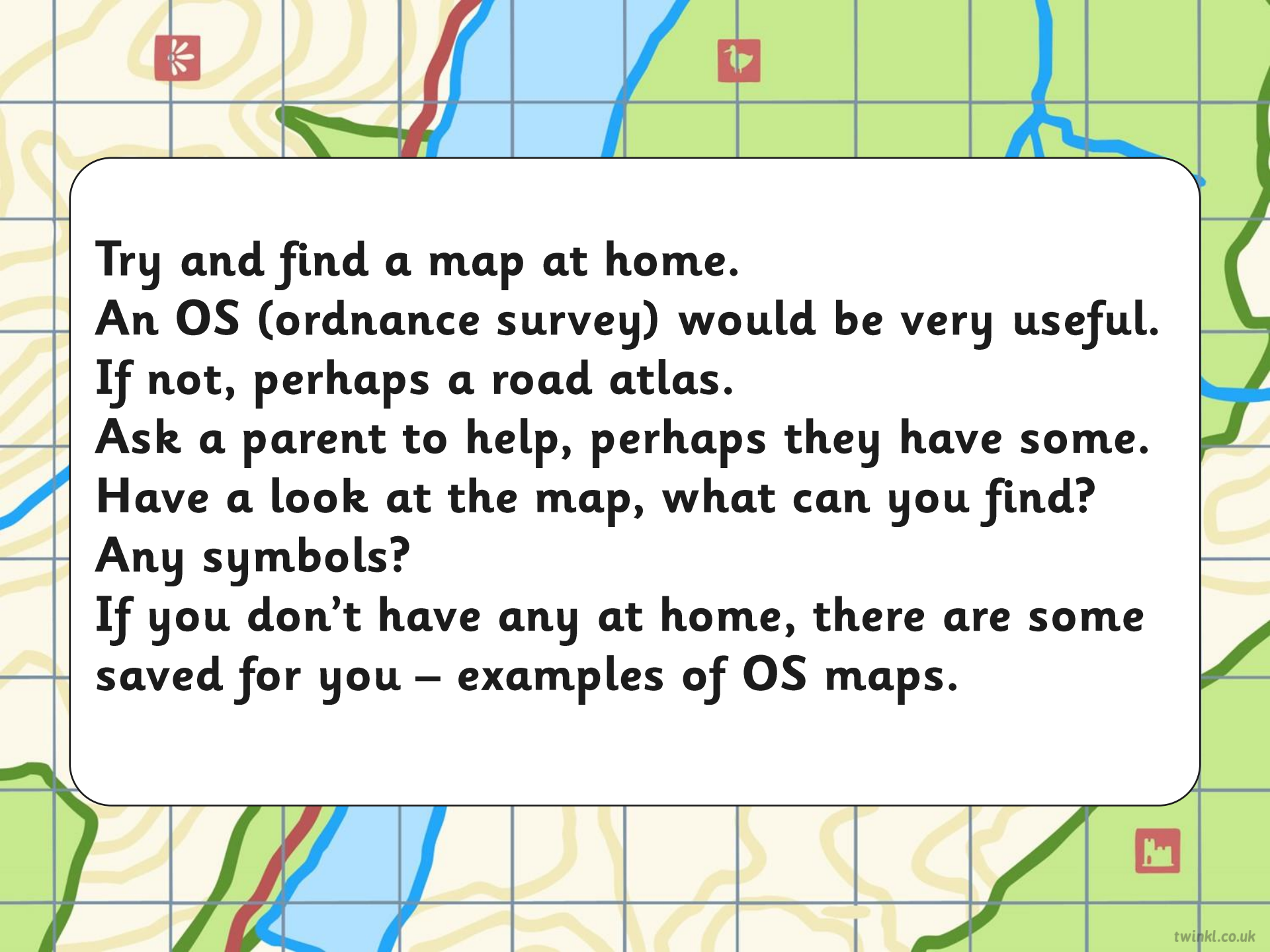


Aim

- I can use a key to describe features on an Ordnance Survey map.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you why maps have symbols on them.
- I can use a key to find out what a symbol means.
- I can explain what makes a good map symbol.
- I can recognise some map symbols on an Ordnance Survey map.



**Try and find a map at home.
An OS (ordnance survey) would be very useful.
If not, perhaps a road atlas.
Ask a parent to help, perhaps they have some.
Have a look at the map, what can you find?
Any symbols?
If you don't have any at home, there are some
saved for you – examples of OS maps.**

What are Ordnance Survey Maps?

Ordnance Survey maps were first made for the military in the 1700s, but it wasn't until the early 20th century that they started work on the maps we might recognise today.



These maps were all drawn and labelled by hand... can you imagine the numbers of people, and the time that would take... never mind how much paper!

Look at this website to see what an Ordnance Survey map looks like today:



What Can You See?



Watch this short video which explains what some of the symbols on a map mean.

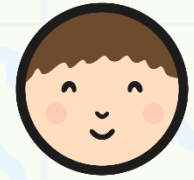


Look closely at the section of a map you have been given.

What do you think the symbols on the map stand for?



What Do the Symbols Mean?



Match the pictures to the labels. Use the flash cards to help, also the 2 links on this document – particularly the mapzone webpage linked on page 4. You could also use your own maps or the OS map resource.

Matching Symbols

nature reserve	castle	national boundary line	theme/picnic park	visitor's centre
camp site	railway station	place of worship	main road	level crossing
cycle trail	motorway	wind turbine	multiple track railway line	picnic site

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Cut out these map symbols and stick them in the correct place in the table.

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Symbols Bingo

Use a bingo style game to check that you can match the symbols confidently – can you get someone else involved?

place of
worship

parking

golf
course

nature
reserve

cycle trail

train
station

campsite

footpath

motorway

main road