

Co-ordinates 1

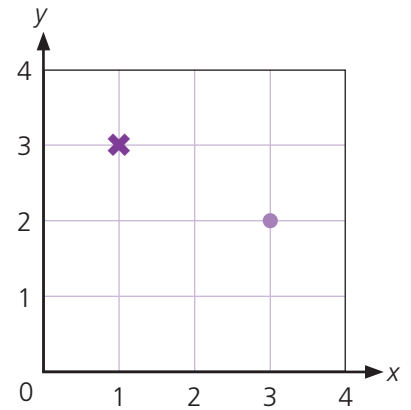
Explanation

Co-ordinates allow you to pinpoint exactly where a point or shape is on a graph or map.

Co-ordinates are written in brackets separated by a comma, like this **(3, 2)**. They are an 'ordered pair' of numbers, which means the order in which they are written is important.

The **first** number is the **x co-ordinate**, which shows how many places **across** to move on the horizontal axis. The second number is the **y co-ordinate**, which shows how many places **up** or **down** to move on the vertical axis.

Remember the position of the axes by saying 'x is a cross' because the x axis goes across.



The dot is at **(3, 2)** and the cross is at **(1, 3)**.

Activities

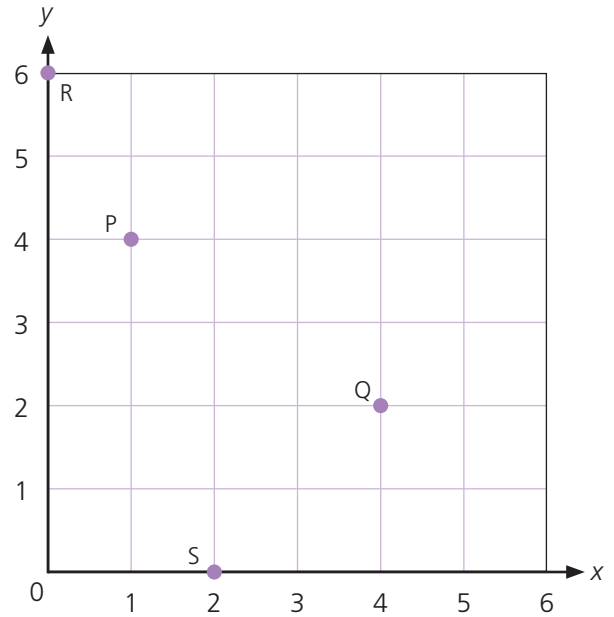
1 Write the **co-ordinates** of the positions of these letters on the grid below.

a **P** (____, ____)

b **Q** (____, ____)

c **R** (____, ____)

d **S** (____, ____)



2 Mark these letters on the grid above.

a **J** at **(6, 3)**

b **K** at **(2, 5)**

c **L** at **(3, 4)**

d **M** at **(5, 1)**

Did you know?

Co-ordinates were invented by René Descartes, a French scientist and mathematician, in the seventeenth century.