



# Agrarian and landscape transitions in Britain

- Practical -

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## Importance

- Make sense of logical structures and patterns of spatial organisation
- Identify links between human societies and their environment
- Synthesis of an abundance of information and of a complex system
- Detect social issues and development opportunities
- From *raw* information to *knowledge*

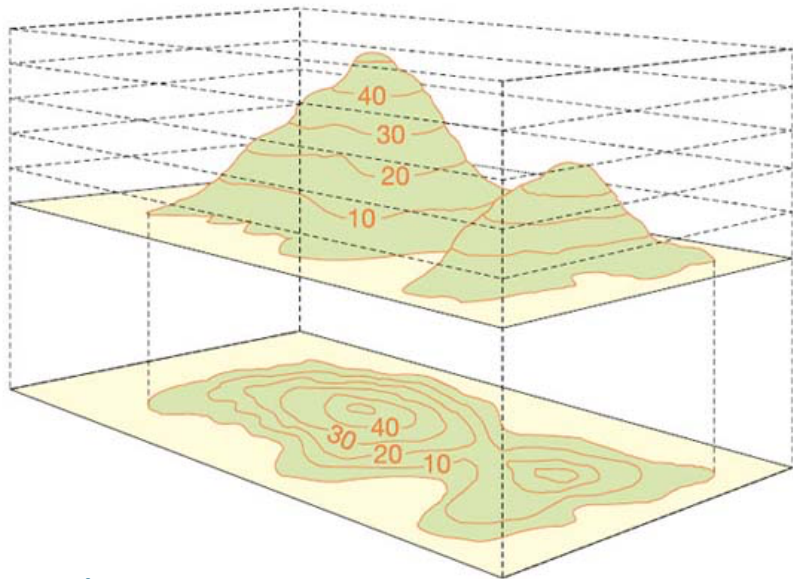


## General approach

1. Getting started with the map
2. Relief and hydrological analysis
3. Landscape analysis
  - ▶ Population and housing
  - ▶ Land use
4. Spatial analysis and regional context
  - ▶ Road networks
  - ▶ Industrial activities
  - ▶ Tertiary sector
5. Synthesis
  - ▶ Thematic
  - ▶ Spatial










# Identifying relief

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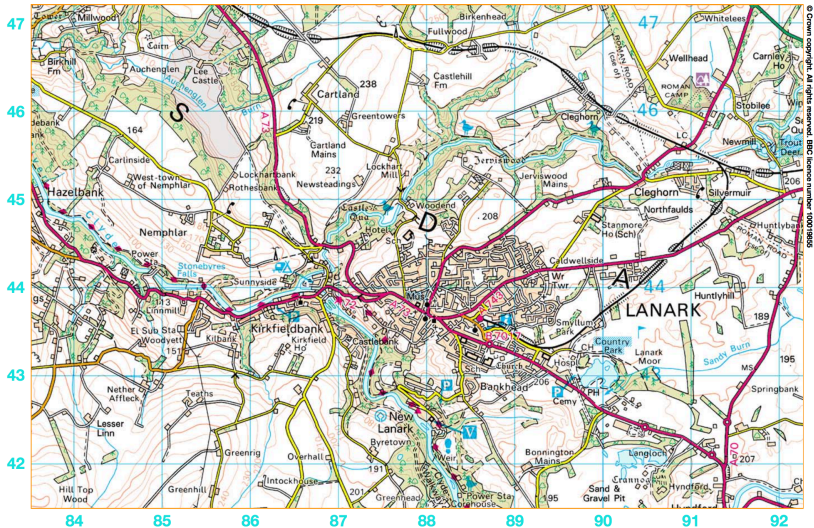
# Identifying features

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	Campsite		
	Motorway		School
	Railway		Place of worship
	Railway station		Post office (rural areas only)
	River		Woods

# Identifying a settlement function

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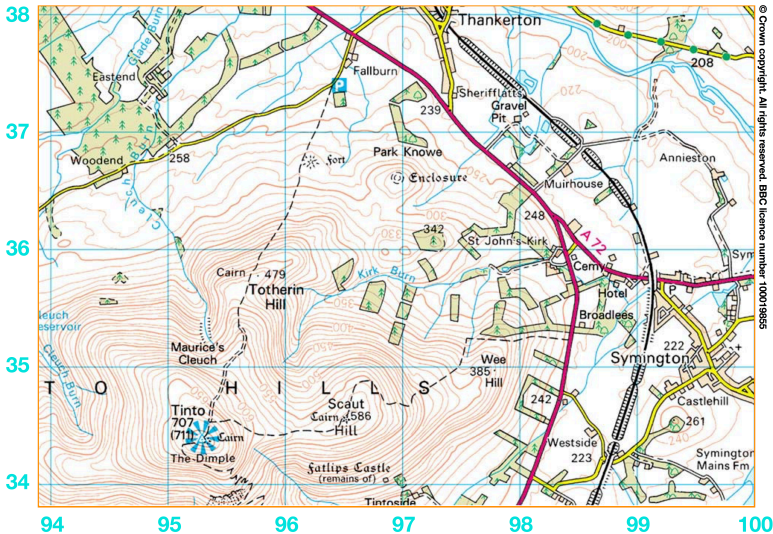


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# Identifying farm types

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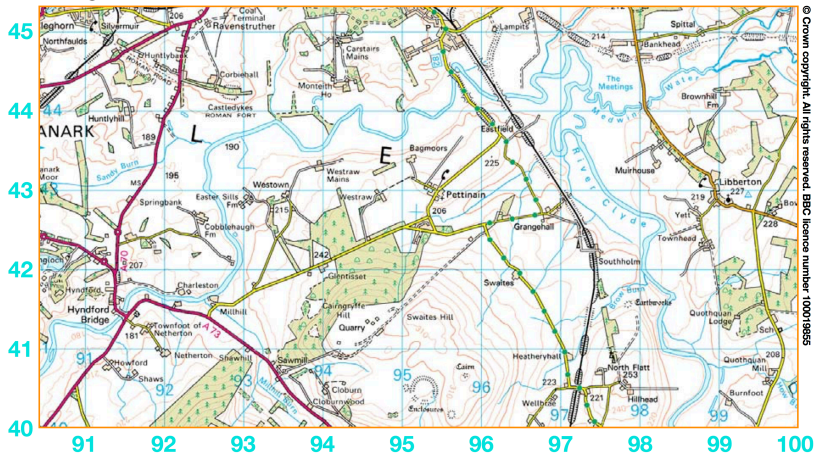
## St. John's Kirk



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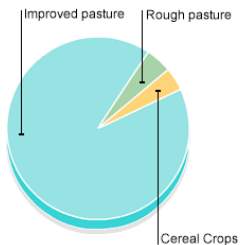
## Grangehall



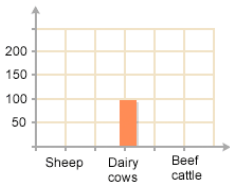
# Mixed farming

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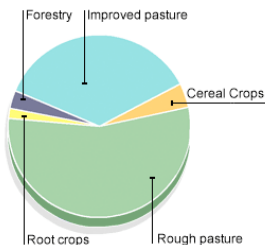
**Grangehill Farm**



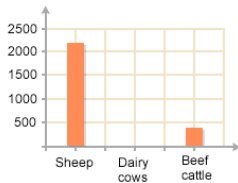
**Livestock**



**St. John's Kirk Farm**

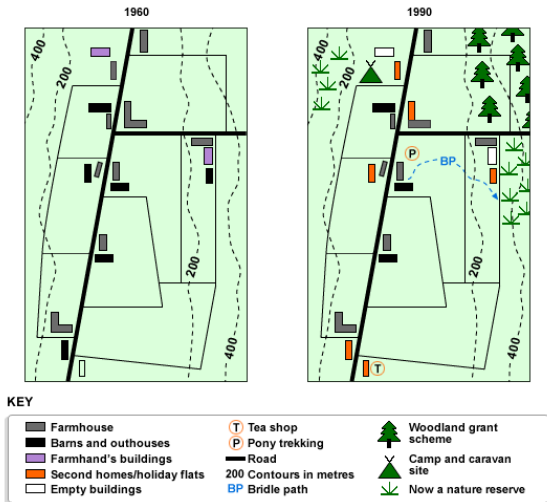


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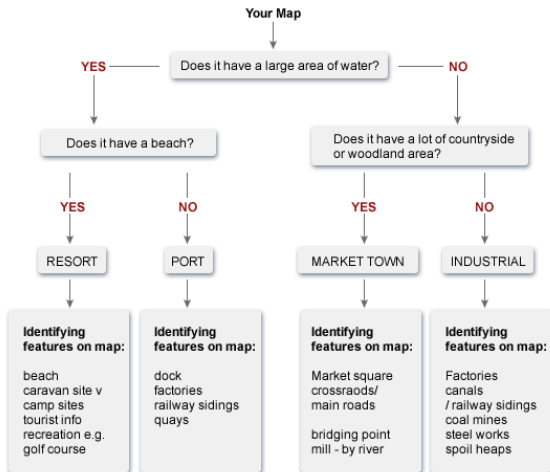
# Identifying feature dynamics

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# Summary





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## Instructions

1. Pair-up
2. Choose a case study
3. Analysis
  - ▶ Landscape and settlement function
  - ▶ Farm typology and economy
  - ▶ Evolution and agrarian transformations
  - ▶ Links with rural sociology theory
4. Restitution