## How to Draw a Cross-Section of a Map

## Step 1

Take a thin strip of paper and place it along the transect line on the map. Mark $A$ at the start of the transect and $B$ at the end. Where each contour line crosses the strip of paper, make a mark on the paper at the exact point and record the height. Also mark on any roads or rivers etc.


## Step 2

On a piece of graph paper, draw the horizontal axis of your graph exactly the same length as the transect A-B. Remember to use a ruler and pencil!


## Step 3

Draw two vertical axes using a suitable scale. Check the maximum height of your axes by looking at the heights along the transect. In this example, the axes need to be at least 1600 m high as this is the highest point on the map. Label your axes.

## Step 4

Place the strip of paper along the $x$-axis at the bottom of your graph. Line $A$ and $B$ up with the vertical axes.

## Step 5

Plot the heights marked on the piece of paper onto the graph. You can move the paper up the graph but make sure the $A$ is always lined up with the vertical axis!


## Step 6

Using a pencil, draw a smooth line to connect the dots. This will give you a rough estimation of what the landscape is like.

## Step 7

Add a title to your graph. Cross- Section of Mt.Ain


