



ROUTE EXPLANATION

LEG 8

TC55 to TC56

Novice

TC 55 (164662→SSE) to TC 56 (182607)

AR

is nt is nt is

Expert

TC 55 (164662→SSE) to TC 56

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isnt isnt is

Both of these instructions are designed to look like something more complicated than they really are, because the obvious (letters on the road) does not seem likely with these repetitions (and we have just had letters on the road in the previous section).

For the Novices, a two-character repetition would most likely be crossing gridlines so you might look to see if there is a simple number to letter substitution going on. You can see that the first gridline which you cross is 66 and there is no obvious way that 66 becomes “is”, so you should be looking for something else.

If you plot TC56 you should also see that the approach to that TC has to be from the NE, and that shortly before the TC you will cross “is” on the road. That should prompt you to look for other locations where those letters (and “nt”) are on the road, and see if a route can be constructed through them.

For the Experts, there is an additional misrepresentation. Some of the letters are run together so that the instruction looks more like a “down, down, up, down” type of instruction referring to road gradients, or an “over, under, under, over” type, usually referring to bridges.

The absence of an apostrophe in the “isnt” might put you off trying to work out what “isn’t, isn’t and is”, but the absence of the target control location will make your search for the letters on a road a little less focused than the Novices.

With hindsight, including the TC map reference would have made this instruction a bit of a fairer challenge for the Experts, so well done if you worked it out without.

