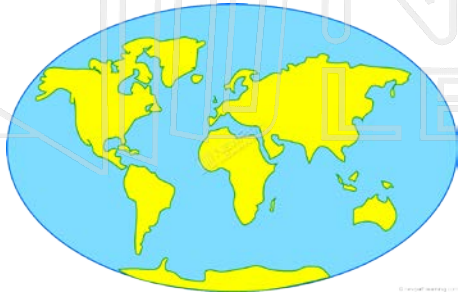


LOCATE AND INTERPRET GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Geography is the study of the earth and how people live on it. Geographic information will help you to know more about the earth.



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The Prime Meridian - an imaginary line from the North Pole to the South Pole that passes through Greenwich, England. It is located at 0 degrees longitude.

We use a point where longitude and latitude lines cross as a geographic address for a location.



Tropic of Cancer - a northern line at approximately 23.5° North latitude. When the sun is directly over this latitude on June 21 or 22, summer begins in the northern hemisphere

Tropic of Capricorn - a southern line at 23.5° South latitude. When the sun is directly over this latitude, summer begins in the southern hemisphere.

Tropical or Torrid Zone - all the area on the earth nearest the Equator, between the Tropic of Cancer and The Tropic of Capricorn which are always hot because the sun's rays shine more directly.

Temperate Zones - the areas north and south of the tropical zone. Temperate means they have hot summers, cold winters, and mild seasons in between

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- Valley - gently sloping depression between hills or mountains
- Canyon - deep, narrow valley with steep, rocky sides usually carved by a river. Gorges and ravines are canyons.
- Tundra - huge treeless plain bordering the Arctic ocean
- Island - a piece of land smaller than a continent but completely surrounded by water
- Peninsula - large piece of land that is surrounded by water on three sides
- Delta - a fan shaped deposit of mud and sand found at the mouth of a river
- Plateau - large highland plain that rises sharply above the surrounding land

Waterways:

- Ocean - entire body of salt water that covers almost three quarters of the earth's surface
- Sea - large body of salt water that is smaller than an ocean
- Lake - large inland body of water
- River - a long, large, moving stream of water
- Gulf - a large area of ocean or sea partly enclosed by land.
- Bay - small area of sea or lake partly enclosed by land. Harbors, coves and inlets are bays.
- Stream - any body of flowing water. Brooks and creeks are streams.
- Glacier - a slowly moving river of ice

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