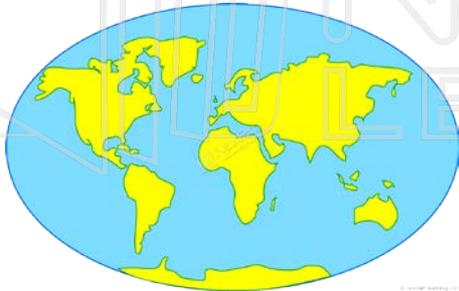


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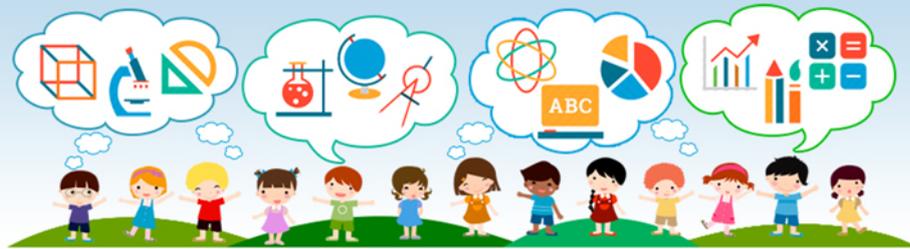
**Geography** is the study of the earth and how people live on it. Geographic information will help you to know more about the earth.



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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  $23.5^{\circ}$  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  $23.5^{\circ}$  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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