



Map and Globe Skills

Use Latitude and Longitude

Why It Matters By stating latitude and longitude, you can describe the **absolute location**, or exact location, of a place.

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Lines of latitude and longitude cross to form a grid over a map or globe. To describe a place's absolute location, you name the line of latitude and line of longitude closest to it.

Lines of latitude run east and west on a map or globe. The equator is a line of latitude. Find the equator on Map A. It is marked 0° , or zero degrees. All other lines of latitude are measured in degrees north or south from the equator.

Lines of longitude run north and south on a map or globe. The **prime meridian** is a line of longitude. Find the prime meridian on Map A. Like the equator, it is marked 0° . All other lines of longitude are measured in degrees east or west from the prime meridian.

Map A: Latitude and Longitude

