<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/HowItWorks.CoreComponents.html>

* You can create one or more secondary indexes on a table.
* A *secondary index* lets you query the data in the table using an alternate key, in addition to queries against the primary key.
* DynamoDB doesn't require that you use indexes, but they give your applications more flexibility when querying your data.
* After you create a secondary index on a table, you can read data from the index in much the same way as you do from the table.

DynamoDB supports two kinds of indexes:

1. Global secondary index – An index with a partition key and sort key that can be different from those on the table.
2. Local secondary index – An index that has the same partition key as the table, but a different sort key.

You can define up to 5 global secondary indexes and 5 local secondary indexes per table.