

RETEACHING ACTIVITY 1

*How Geographers
Look at the World*

Terms and Concepts

DIRECTIONS: Match each term from Chapter 1 with the correct definition.

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| _____ 1. geographic information systems | a. area united by specific characteristics |
| _____ 2. meteorology | b. mapmaking |
| _____ 3. location | c. community of plants and animals |
| _____ 4. region | d. way that most people identify a place |
| _____ 5. relative location | e. study of weather |
| _____ 6. cartography | f. a specific place on the earth |
| _____ 7. ecosystem | g. computer tools that organize data and satellite images |
| _____ 8. functional region | h. central place and its surroundings |

Summarizing Information

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage below, and then answer the questions.

One way of locating a place is by describing its absolute location—the exact spot at which the place is found on the globe. To determine absolute location, geographers use a network of imaginary lines around the Earth. The Equator, the line circling the earth midway between the North and South Poles, divides the Earth into hemispheres, or two halves (Northern and Southern). The Prime Meridian, the north-south line that runs through Greenwich, England, also divides the Earth into hemispheres (Eastern and Western). The Equator, the Prime Meridian, and other lines of latitude and longitude cross one another to form a pattern called a grid system. Using the grid, you can name the absolute, or precise, location of any place on Earth.

9. What is the main point of this passage? _____

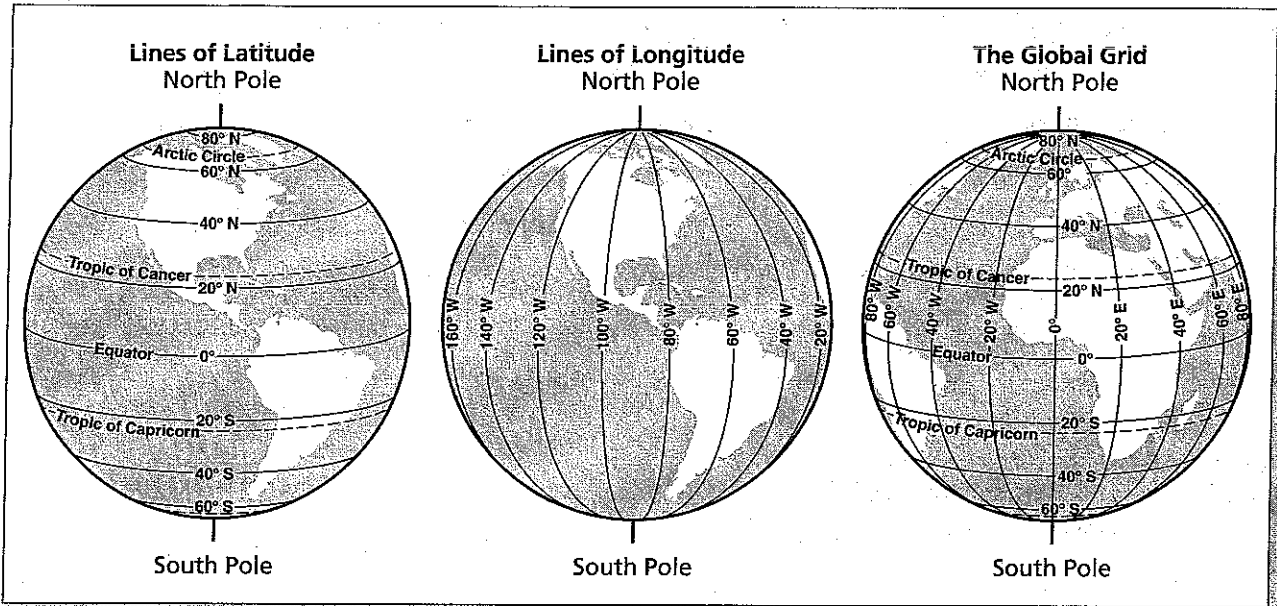
10. How many hemispheres are formed by the grid system? _____
11. Why are lines of latitude and longitude necessary? _____

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Working with Geography

DIRECTIONS: Study the diagram, and then answer the questions.



12. What name is given to the line of latitude halfway between the North and South Poles? _____
13. What is the name and degree of the line of longitude that passes through Greenwich, England?

14. Between which lines of longitude does most of South America lie? _____
15. What absolute location shown on the global grid is closest to the southern tip of Africa? _____

Connecting Ideas

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions in the space provided.

16. Why are geographers needed in so many different fields of work? Give one example. _____

17. What is relative location, and why do most people use it? _____

