

# GGA Year 5 Autumn term Geography Atlas Skills

## Key Vocabulary and definition

Lines of latitude and longitude are used to locate places accurately on the Earth's surface.

To find out how far north or south a place is, lines of **latitude** are used.

To find out how far east or west a place is, lines of **longitude** are used.

<b>latitude</b>	Lines of latitude circle the Earth in an east-west direction. They are parallel.
<b>longitude</b>	Lines of longitude run from the top of the Earth to the bottom. They meet at a point at the north and south poles and are called <b>meridians</b> . The line labelled <b>0° longitude</b> is called the <b>Prime Meridian</b> or the <b>Greenwich Meridian</b> and runs through London (Greenwich)
<b>Equator</b>	The Equator is at the centre of the lines of latitude and is at 0° latitude. Anything lying south of the Equator is in the <b>Southern Hemisphere</b> Anything lying north of the Equator is in the <b>Northern Hemisphere</b> .
<b>Tropic of Cancer</b>	The Tropic of Cancer is an imaginary latitude line above the Equator that runs across the globe at about 23 degrees north.
<b>Tropic of Capricorn</b>	The Tropic of Capricorn is an imaginary latitude line below the Equator whose latitude line circles the globe at about 23 degrees south.
<b>Time Zones</b>	The idea behind multiple time zones is to divide the world into 24 x 15-degree slices and set the clocks in each <b>zone</b> . All time zones are measured from a starting point centred at England's Greenwich Observatory. This point is known as the Greenwich Meridian or the Prime Meridian.

## Why are we learning this?

Geographers use tools such as longitude, latitude to create two-dimensional atlases of our three-dimensional planet.

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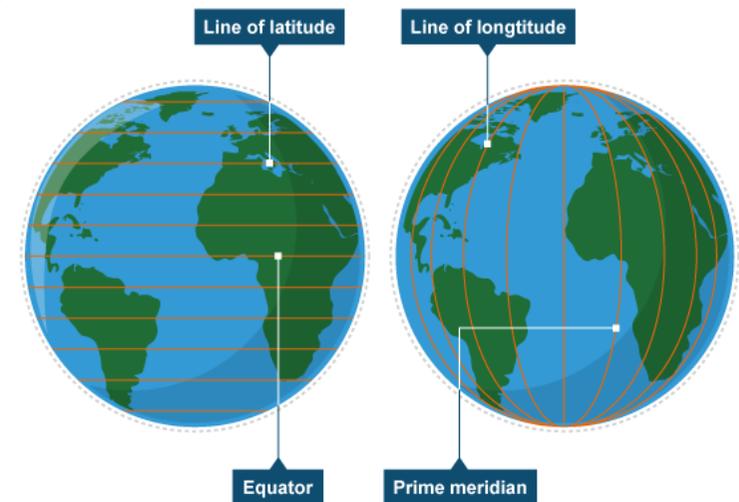
Lines of longitude spaced at every 15 degrees are used to make the time zones around the world

To be able to use an atlas to locate places.

## Why is it important?

I can use an atlas to locate places using the longitude and latitude references

To understand Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).



## Learning links to :

Y2 Geography	Climate Zones
Y5 Geography	Biomes