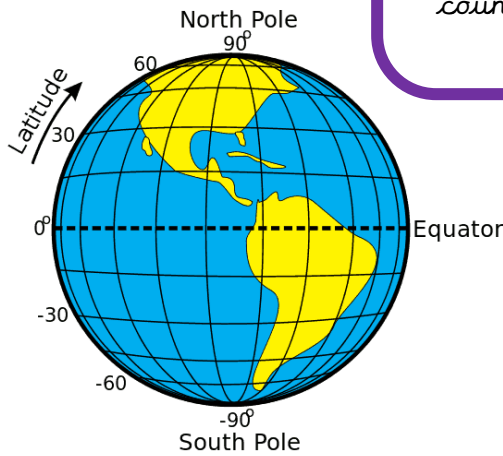


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# Geography - What on Earth?

In this topic children will begin to learn all about Earth. Children will explore earth using globes, maps and satellite images and begin to identify significant places and features. Children will also look at countries and capitals of the UK, and notice different regions on maps of the UK.



## Key Knowledge

- Finding significant places and features on a globe and a world map.
- Comparing maps and satellite imagery.
- Identifying important lines of latitude.
- Finding countries and features on important lines of latitude.
- Locate the countries and capital cities of the UK.
- Locating significant places, features and regions on maps of the UK.
- Locate the North West and identify key features.



## Key Vocabulary

**Antarctic Circle** - An imaginary line drawn around the earth parallel to the equator and north of the South Pole.

**Arctic Circle** - An imaginary line drawn around the earth parallel to the equator which marks the boundary of the Arctic.

**British Isles** - Great Britain, Ireland, and all smaller islands, collectively.

**Capital** - The city where the government of a country, state, or province is located.

**Country** - A large area of land where people live under the same government or have the same culture.

**Earth** - Earth is the third planet from the sun.

**Equator** - The imaginary circle around the earth that is halfway between the North and South Poles.

**Globe** - A globe is a spherical model of Earth.

**Great Britain** - The main island of the United Kingdom which includes England, Scotland, and Wales.

**International Space Station (ISS)** - A modular space station in low Earth orbit.

**Latitude** - The distance between the equator and a point north or south on the earth's surface.

**Northern Hemisphere** - The half of the earth that is north of the equator.

**Orbit** - The curved path in which a planet, satellite, or spacecraft moves in a circle around another body.

**Region** - A large space or area.

**Satellite** - A spacecraft that is sent into orbit.

**Southern Hemisphere** - The half of the earth that is south of the equator.

**United Kingdom** - A nation in Europe made up of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

## Key Questions

Where have you been in the UK?

What sights can you see in the capital cities of the British Isles?