

Unit 1: Location & Place

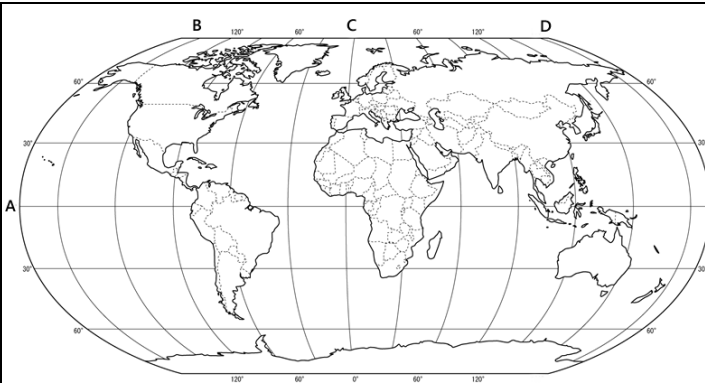
Location

Absolute Location

- A precise spot on the globe using a grid of lines called longitude (meridians) and latitude (parallels).
- Latitude runs FLAT, with the center line being the equator (0°). The parallels (lines) measure from 90°N to 90°S.
- Longitude runs VERTICAL, with the center point being the prime meridian (0°), which is located at Greenwich, England. The meridians (lines) measure from 180°E to 180°W.

Relative Location

- A description of where something is in relation to other things. Tied together with **connectivity**, how well two locations are tied together by roads or other links, and **accessibility**, how quickly and easily people in one location can interact with people in another location.



1. Which letter represents the equator?
2. Which letter represents the prime meridian?
3. Letter A is a _____. Parallel or meridian?
4. Letter B is a _____. Parallel or meridian?
5. What is the coordinate of letter A?
6. What is the coordinate of letter B?
7. What is the coordinate of letter C?
8. What is the coordinate of letter D?
9. Which line (letter) runs through Greenwich, England?

Place refers to the specific human and physical characteristics of a location. Examine the pictures below and explain why each picture is considered a “place” based on the definition provided below. Each answer should be tailored specifically what is shown in the picture.



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Two ways to refer to a place: **Site & Situation.**

Site	Situation
- The characteristics at the immediate location, for example, soil type, climate, labor force, and human structures. - Specifically, SITE refer to the actual physical attributes of the place it occupies - They are the advantages for growth that made the place a favorable site.	- Refers to the location of a place relative to its surroundings and other places—relative location. - The surrounding features, the greater regional framework.

Directions: Read each paragraph and determine if it is an example of **Site** or of **Situation**?

Sydney, Australia was built in order to take advantage of the superior, natural harbor, favorable for trade, and surrounding arable farmland.	Xi'an, China on the Silk Road, Timbuktu, Mali on the Trans-Saharan trade route and maritime trade that helped Singapore prosper, are all examples of cities that grew rapidly because of the long distance commerce.	Baghdad, Iraq has command of lands between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.	Rome, Athens, and Jerusalem were built on hilltops because they were a natural barrier for the defense of the city.

New York City became the most prominent trade and finance center in the United States in the 1800s.

So what is the big deal about NYC? Determine whether the information below is describing the **SITE** or **SITUATION** of NYC and circle the correct response.

• Large, deep water harbor • Next to the Atlantic Ocean Good Site Or Good Situation	NEW YORK CITY 	• Hudson River for easy trade • Centrally located among other cities on the eastern seaboard • Major port on Atlantic Circular Trade Route Good Site Or Good Situation
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