

# Geography Vocabulary

| Vocabulary word               | Definition   |
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| Absolute location             | A location can be absolute (specific) as in coordinates of a map using longitude and latitude.   |
| Relative location             | A location can be relative -examples: next door, nearby, a short drive, down the road a ways. Or, it can be in the same general location as another location - example: next to the post office. |
| Place                         | An area that is defined by everything in it.   |
| Region                        | An area that is defined by certain similar characteristics.  |
| Movement                      | Movement refers to the way people, products, information and ideas move from one place to another.   |
| Human environment interaction | How people adapt to the environment and how they change it.  |
| Cardinal Directions           | The four main directions: North, South, East, West.  |

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| Intermediate Directions                                     | The points halfway between the cardinal directions: North East, North West, South East, South West.                          |
| Latitude  | Latitude is the distance north or south from the equator to a particular location. The equator has latitude of zero degrees. |
| human characteristics                                       | Culture, beliefs, language   |
| physical characteristic                                     | Landforms, climate, bodies of water  |
| adapt   | How one adjusts to the environment   |
| change  | To make or become different  |
| Longitude   | Longitude is the distance east or west from the Prime Meridian.  |
| Equator   | The equator is an imaginary circle around the earth, halfway between the north and south poles.                              |
| Prime Meridian  | The prime meridian (0 degrees longitude) is the meridian that passes through Greenwich, England.                             |
| Map Legend or Key The legend of a map (also called the key) | A small table accompanying the map that explains the symbols that are used on the map.                                       |

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| Continent  | A landmass on Earth. The seven continents are Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America. |
| Hemisphere | A half of the earth. The earth has 4 hemispheres: North, South, East, and West.  |