



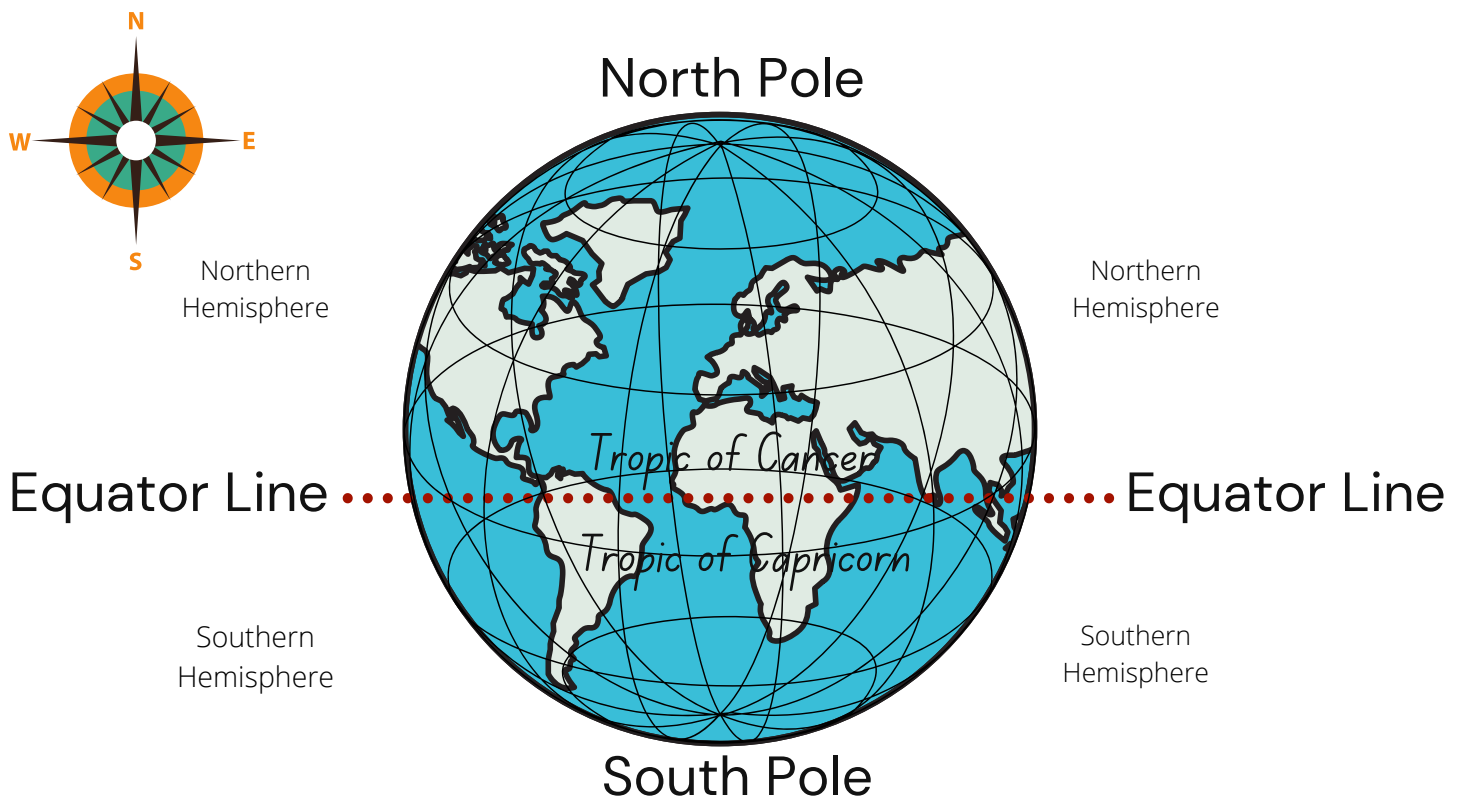
There are 7 continents in the world, and 5 oceans.
Let's look at them!



The Equator

The equator is an imaginary line of latitude drawn around the earth. It divides the Earth into the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.

The top of the equator is called the Tropic of Capricorn and the bottom of the equator is called the Tropic of Cancer.



The Earth is widest at its Equator. Earth's diameter at the equator is around 12,756 kilometers (7,926 miles). At the poles, the diameter is around 12,714 kilometers (7,900 miles).

The North Pole and the South Pole are Arctic areas. That means that they have below freezing temperatures, because they are the furthest points from the Equator. The closer to the equator, the hotter the temperature, because the sun's rays hit the earth's surface at a higher angle at the equator and the sun is always directly overhead at the equator.