

Latitude and Longitude

4th Grade

The grid that gives every place on Earth an address.

LATITUDE

- Lines run across, east to west
- Measure how far north or south
- 0° is the Equator
- Range: 0° to 90° N or S
- Like rungs on a ladder

LONGITUDE

- Lines run up and down, pole to pole
- Measure how far east or west
- 0° is the Prime Meridian
- Range: 0° to 180° E or W
- Like segments of an orange

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Always give latitude first: 51°N, 0°W is London. Reversing them puts you in the wrong hemisphere.

Lat is flat. That one rhyme settles which is which.