

Map Skills and Directions

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Circle the correct answer for each map and directions question.

1. Which is farther north, the Tropic of Cancer or the equator?
 - (A) neither is north
 - (B) they are at the same place
 - (C) the Tropic of Cancer
 - (D) the equator
2. Which hemisphere is the United States in, measured from the Prime Meridian?
 - (A) the Eastern Hemisphere
 - (B) the Western Hemisphere
 - (C) the Southern Hemisphere
 - (D) the Antarctic Circle
3. What is GPS?
 - (A) a book of maps
 - (B) a compass made of wood
 - (C) a kind of paper map
 - (D) a satellite system that tells you your exact location
4. What do we call the lines on a map that connect places of the same height?
 - (A) contour lines
 - (B) lines of latitude
 - (C) grid lines
 - (D) borders
5. How many degrees of longitude are there all the way around the Earth?
 - (A) 360
 - (B) 180
 - (C) 1,000
 - (D) 90
6. What do we call the line at 180 degrees longitude where the calendar date changes?
 - (A) the Arctic Circle
 - (B) the Prime Meridian
 - (C) the International Date Line
 - (D) the equator

- 7.** What part of a map shows how far apart places really are?
- (A) the title
 - (B) the legend
 - (C) the compass
 - (D) the scale
- 8.** Which direction is the Sun in at sunset?
- (A) the east
 - (B) the west
 - (C) the north
 - (D) the south
- 9.** What do we call a map that shows the climate of different places?
- (A) a floor plan
 - (B) a climate map
 - (C) a treasure map
 - (D) a political map
- 10.** What are the crossing lines of latitude and longitude on a map called?
- (A) a legend
 - (B) a border
 - (C) a grid
 - (D) a scale
- 11.** At what latitude are the North and South Poles?
- (A) 90 degrees
 - (B) 0 degrees
 - (C) 180 degrees
 - (D) 45 degrees
- 12.** Which hemisphere is Australia in?
- (A) the Northern Hemisphere
 - (B) the Prime Meridian
 - (C) the Arctic Circle
 - (D) the Southern Hemisphere
- 13.** What do we call a map that shows the world on a flat sheet?
- (A) a floor plan
 - (B) a globe
 - (C) a route map
 - (D) a world map
- 14.** What do we call the imaginary circle around the Earth in the far north?
- (A) the Antarctic Circle
 - (B) the Arctic Circle
 - (C) the equator
 - (D) the Tropic of Cancer

- 15.** What do we call a map made from pictures taken by satellites?
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- 19.** What do brown areas on a physical map often show?
- (A) mountains or high land
 - (B) rivers
 - (C) oceans
 - (D) cities
- 16.** What do we call a map that shows bus or train routes?
- (A) a route map
 - (B) a climate map
 - (C) a contour map
 - (D) a physical map
- 18.** What do we call the pair of numbers (latitude and longitude) that locate a place?
- (A) symbols
 - (B) borders
 - (C) coordinates
 - (D) legends
- 20.** What do green areas on a physical map usually show?
- (A) oceans
 - (B) deserts
 - (C) mountains
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