Chapter 1 Exploring the United States
Lesson 1 p. 12
What to know:
Where is the United States located on Earth?

Where is the United States?

"The student in China might not know where the United States is," your mother says. She smiles and points to a globe of the world across the room. "Try looking at the globe. It will help you describe where the United States is on Earth."
Global address means where it is on Earth.

Important words to know:
- Hemispheres
- Equator
- Prime meridian

Continents - largest land areas.

How many continents are there?
Can you name them?
Which continent do you live on?
Relative location is where it is in relation to other places on earth.
- Between two countries
- Between two oceans

Border-line that shows the end of a place.
P. 15 gulf-part of an ocean or sea that reaches into the land.
Where Is the United States?

**DIRECTIONS** Circle the word or phrase that makes each statement true.

1. The equator divides the Earth into the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. / Eastern Hemisphere and the Western Hemisphere.

2. The United States is in the Northern Hemisphere. / Southern Hemisphere.

3. The United States is in the Eastern Hemisphere. / Western Hemisphere.

4. The United States is part of the continent of Asia. / North America.

5. You can use other countries to describe relative location. / prime meridian.

6. Most of the United States is south of Mexico. / Canada.
The United States shares much of its southern border with Mexico. / South America.

The Pacific Ocean / Gulf of Mexico forms the western border of the United States.

The Pacific Ocean / Atlantic Ocean forms the eastern border of the United States.

The Gulf of Mexico / Atlantic Ocean forms part of the southern border of the United States.
Use Latitude and Longitude

Lines of latitude and longitude cross to form a grid over a map or globe. To describe a place’s absolute location, you name the line of latitude and line of longitude closest to it.

**Lines of latitude** run east and west. The equator is a line of latitude. Find the equator on Map A. It is marked $0^\circ$, or zero degrees. All other lines of latitude are measured in degrees north or south from the equator.

**Lines of longitude** run north and south. The prime meridian is a line of longitude. Find the prime meridian on Map A. Like the equator, it is marked $0^\circ$. All other lines of longitude are measured in degrees east or west from the prime meridian.

[Map A: Latitude and Longitude Grid]

**Brain Pop:Longitude and Latitude**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTrsvGytGG0
**Directions:** Use the map on page 2 to complete the table. For numbers 1–5, write the name of the city closest to the location. For numbers 6–10, use the nearest lines of latitude and longitude to write each city’s location.

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