

Class: VI-VIII

Basic Geography

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Dear learners, in this issue we are going to learn about the basics of geography.

To get the basic knowledge of geography we need to practise using a few things:



A. Read the geography of Bangladesh:



Bangladesh, one of the largest peninsulas of the world, is in South Asia. Its total area is 1,44,570 square kilometres. It is mainly a plain land surrounded by India and Myanmar on three sides and on the south by the Bay of Bengal. On the southeast region, there are also some hills. It is a riverine country intersected by three big rivers: Padma, Meghna and Jamuna. World's largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans, is in this country. It is the homeland of many wild animals and the famous Royal Bengal Tiger.

Now, collect the information about the basic geography of your district or locality. Write a paragraph using the following hints.

Name of the place, area, land type, river, region, plants, animals, famous for

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B. Using Globes



A globe is a model of the earth. It shows the continents and the oceans. A continent is a very large body of land. On the other hand, an ocean is a very large body of salt water. The earth has seven continents and five oceans.

Do you know the names of these continents and oceans? They are given below in the box. Identify them and colour the continents with green and the oceans with blue.

Arctic	North America	Antarctica	Indian	Pacific	Australia
Europe	Africa	Atlantic	South America	Asia	Antarctic

C. Using Directions:



A direction is any way you can face or point. There are four main directions- north (N), south (S), east (E), and west (W). In between, there are four other directions- northeast (NE), southeast (SE), southwest (SW), and northwest (NW). All these directions help us to find out any location from a map.

Use a Compass Rose and fill up the blank boxes with appropriate places around your school.

D. Knowing about land and water on earth

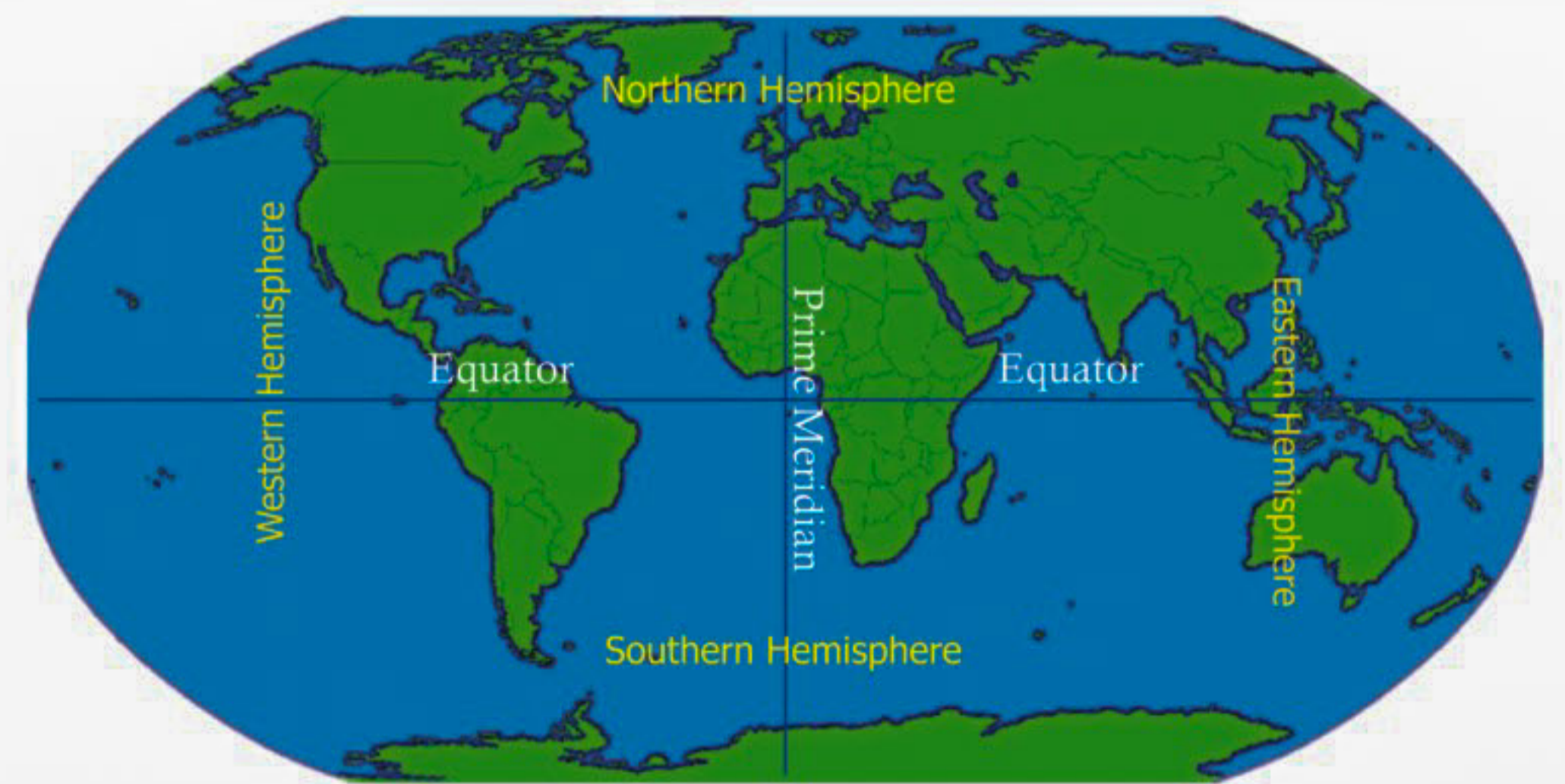
See the different shapes of land and water on earth. Then, match the names with their definitions



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| 1. Peninsula | a. Low land between hills and mountains. |
| 2. Hill | b. Very large hill. |
| 3. Plain | c. Land that has water on three sides and land on one side. |
| 4. Lake | d. Land that has water all around it. |
| 5. Island | e. Very large body of salt water. |
| 6. Valley | f. Single stream of water that flows into an ocean or lake. |
| 7. Mountain | g. Land that is higher than the land around it, but lower than a mountain. |
| 8. River | h. Body of water with land all around it. |
| 9. Ocean | i. Flat land. |

E. Fill up the blank boxes. Use no more than three words:

Continent	Country	Place	Special animal found there
Asia	Bangladesh	Sundarbans	
	Brazil	Amazon	Anaconda
Australia	Australia	All over the country	
	Saudi Arabia	Everywhere in Saudi Arabia	
	Siberia	Siberia	Polar bear



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Learning Objectives: Vocabulary, Sentence Construction and Critical Thinking

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER, STAY HEALTHY

Summer is very hot and it makes everyone very thirsty. People also sweat a lot and can easily become dehydrated. It is important that you drink at least 2.5 liters of water everyday to stay healthy.

