

My Local Area and Tulum, Mexico

Year 2

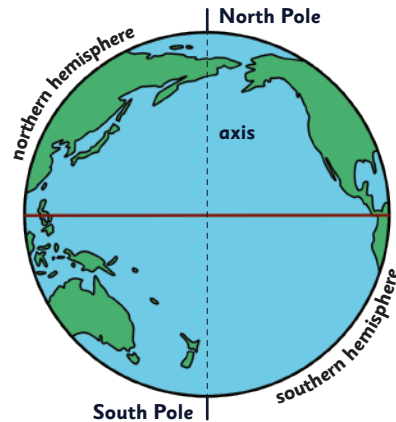
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The equator

The Earth's equator is the **imaginary line that runs around the globe's centre**. It divides the world in **half**.

The equator is an **equal distance** between the **North and South Poles**.

The weather on the equator is **hot all year round**.



The climate near the equator

Countries near the equator don't experience the **four seasons** like other places on Earth.

Generally, there are **two seasons** in the countries along the equator, **wet and dry**. The wet season lasts **most of the year**. Along with the warmth, this creates **tropical rainforests**.

It is hot because it is the **closest part of the Earth to the Sun**.

The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is made up of four different countries: **England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland**. It is sometimes referred to as **Great Britain**.

Capital cities

Each country has a **capital city** where a country's government is located. It is usually the largest city.

London is England's capital city.

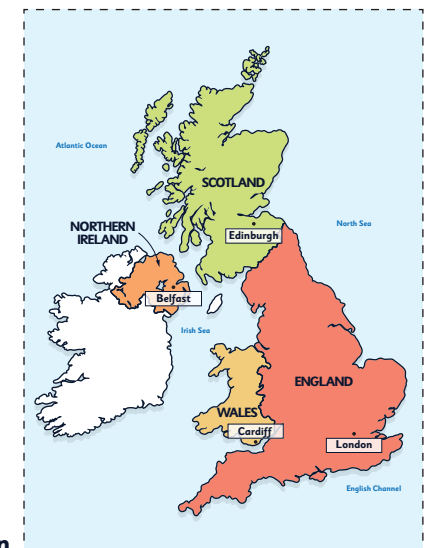
Belfast is Northern Ireland's capital city.

Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city.

Cardiff is Wales' capital city.

Four seas border the UK:

- to the south by the **English Channel**, which separates it from continental Europe
- to the east by the **North Sea**
- to the west by the **Irish Sea** and the **Atlantic Ocean**



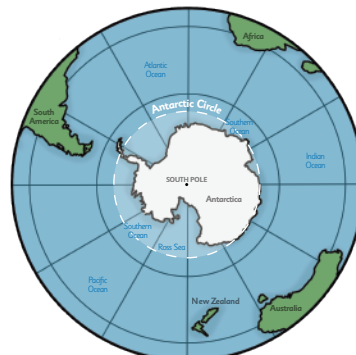
The North Pole

The North Pole is the **northernmost point** on Earth. There is **no land** at the North Pole, **only ice**. The ice is about **three metres thick**. The North Pole is **not in any country**. In summer, the **Sun never sets**.



The South Pole

The South Pole is the **southernmost place** on Earth. It is located **on land** topped by more than **2700 metres of solid ice**. The South Pole is **much colder** than the North Pole.



Where is Tulum, Mexico?

Mexico is a country in North America. The capital city of Mexico is **Mexico City**.

Tulum is located in **Quintana Roo, Mexico**, and is considered a **tropical savanna climate**. This means it is **hot** all year round, with a **rainy season** from May to October and a **cooler, dry season** from November to April.



Aerial photos

An **aerial view** is a photo taken from above. You can look at the geographical features of a place using an aerial photo.



Map symbols

Map symbols are **pictures, drawings or even letters** that can be used on maps to **represent things in real life**. They make it easier to **read maps**.

Map key

A map key gives the map reader **information about each symbol displayed on the map**. It is usually in a box and found somewhere in the corner of the map.

Key	
	contour lines
	lake
	river
	forest
	moorland
	mountain peak
	beach
	cliffs
	houses
	log cabin
	ferry
	bridge
	road

The physical features of Tulum

Tulum is a beautiful clifftop location above the **Caribbean Sea**.



Tulum rainforests



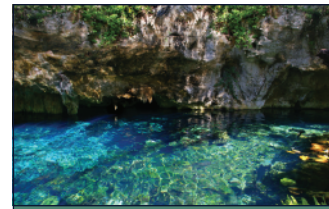
Mesoamerican Coral Reef System



Tulum lagoons



Sian Ka'an



Gran Cenote



Tulum coastline

The human features of Tulum

Tulum is famous for its **Maya ruins**.



Maya ruins



beach huts and bars



boats



shops and restaurants



hotels and homes



beach stairs