## Latitude and Longitude

## Coordinate system: a system of intersecting lines

 used to determine locations on the Earth's surface

## Latitude

- Latitude: Measures distance North and South of the Equator
- Parallels: imaginary lines that run E to W
- Latitude of the Equator $=00$
- Imaginary line; divides Earth into N and S hemispheres
- Latitude of the North and South Poles $=900 \mathrm{~N}$ or S


## Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn

- Tropic of Cancer: $23.5^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$
- Tropic of Capricorn: $23.5^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$
- Furthest north or south you can be for the sun to be directly overhead at sometime in the year




## Arctic and Antarctic Circles

- $60^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ and S of equator




## Longitude

- Longitude: Measures distance in degrees east and west of the Prime Meridian.
- Meridians: lines of longitude; imaginary lines that run N to S, but measure distances E and W of the Prime Meridian
- Not parallel; intersect at poles
- Prime Meridian --> 0ㅇ (Greenwich, England) reference line


