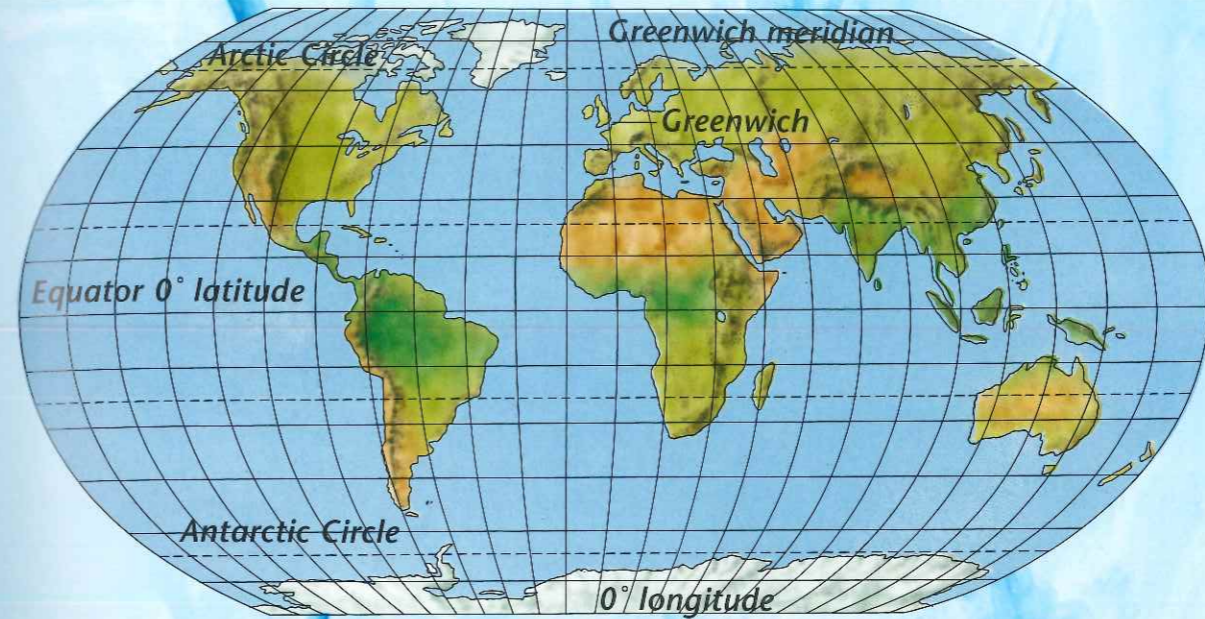


18 Mapping the world

World maps are covered with a grid of lines. These are called lines of latitude and longitude. We use them to work out the exact position of places.

Starting at Greenwich

The 'Greenwich meridian' is the line of longitude that passes through Greenwich, England. It marks 0° (degrees) longitude. All other lines of longitude are measured east or west of this line.



At the poles

All lines of longitude meet at the North and South Poles. These penguins live in the Antarctic, the frozen continent around the South Pole in the Antarctic Circle.

In the middle

The Equator is an imaginary line that runs around the middle of the earth. All lines of latitude are measured north or south of the Equator.

