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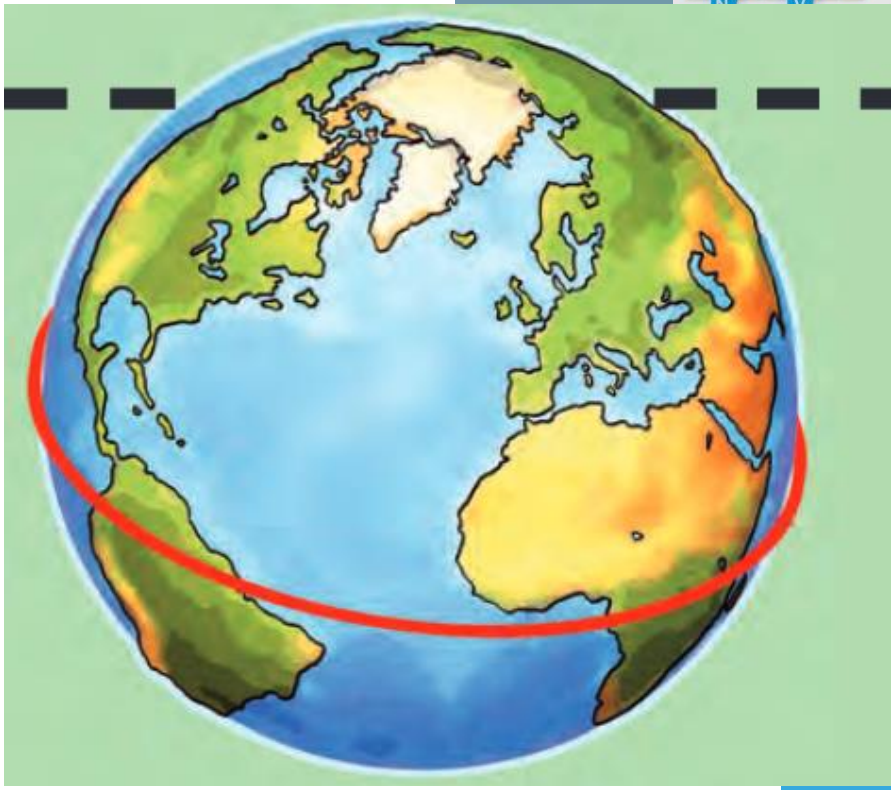
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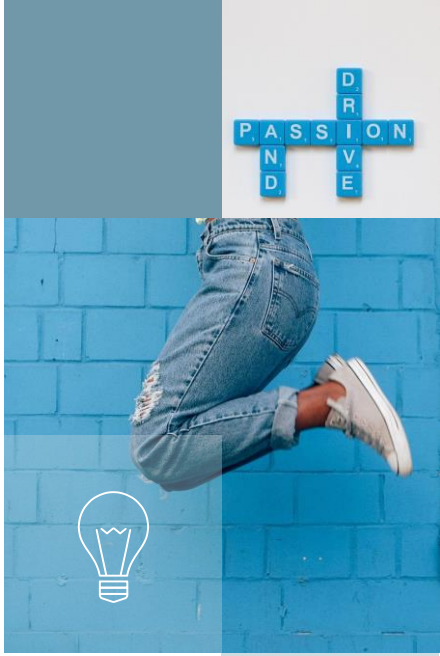


How much do you remember about the Equator?



Repeat

/ˈreɪnfɒrɪst $ -fɔː-, -fɑː-/



ˈ**rain** ˌ**forest, rainforest** noun [countable, uncountable]
a tropical forest with tall trees that are very close together, growing in an area where it rains a lot

The children got lost in the **forest**.







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All the Countries That Lie Along the Equator





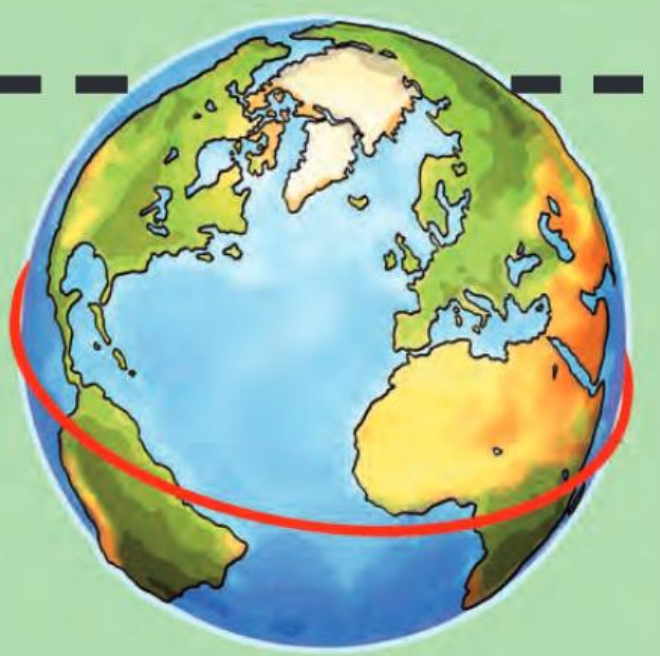
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Do you think they are true or false? Correct the false sentences.

The Equator

1. The Equator is just under 25,000 miles long.
2. The distance from the North Pole to the Equator is the same as the distance from the South Pole to the Equator.
3. The Equator goes through fourteen countries.
4. There is one point on the Equator where you will get snow.
5. You will see the fastest sunset and sunrise on the Equator.
6. The Sun travels directly over the Equator twice a year.
7. Nearly half of the world's rainforest is on the Equator.
8. Not many of the world's animals live near the Equator.



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Answers

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2. T
3. F. 13
4. T
5. T
6. T
7. T
8. F. Many of the world's animals live near the Equator..

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The four seasons

Depending on the season, it is hotter or colder, wetter or drier. Seasons exist because of the way the Earth orbits the Sun. The Earth is tilted; it is not straight.

The Earth is divided into two hemispheres – the northern hemisphere (for example, Canada, the U.S.A., and Germany) and the southern hemisphere (for example, Australia, Brazil, and South Africa). These two hemispheres are separated by the Equator which goes around the middle of the Earth. The amount of sunlight varies depending on the time of year in the two hemispheres. It takes the Earth 365.24 days to orbit the Sun. As it moves around the Sun, some parts of the Earth have longer days than others. In the northern hemisphere, the days are shorter in the winter and longer in the summer. At the Equator, it doesn't change. There are twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of night.

Work in pairs and discuss.
Would you like to live near the Equator? Why / Why not?
Would you prefer to live in the northern hemisphere or the southern hemisphere? Why?

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In your country ...

1 Where is the best place to live?

2 What is the most delicious food to eat?

3 What is the hottest temperature?

4 What is the coldest temperature?

5 What is the best season?

6 What is the most interesting place to visit?

7 What is the biggest city?

8 What is the most famous building?

1 In my country, the capital city is the best place to live.



How much do you know about Iran?
Now join a new partner and discuss the questions.

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Homework

Search about one country that is near the Equator and prepare a short presentation about

