

Locating Places - Lesson 8 - Grade 4-5

Your street name and house number furnish your absolute location. Latitude and longitude provide absolute location for a place on the globe. We can locate places on the globe by determining where lines on latitude and longitude cross.

For instance, New Orleans, Louisiana is approximately 30°N (latitude) and 90°W (longitude). Mark X on New Orleans on your globe.



Absolute Location

In the following activity, match the cities with the correct latitude and longitude.

1. San Francisco, California _____ 35°S, 56°W
2. Perth, Australia _____ 7°N, 80°E
3. Moscow, Russia _____ 56°N, 38°E
4. Colombo, Sri Lanka _____ 32°S, 116°E
5. Montevideo, Uruguay _____ 38°N, 122°W

Find and mark the following locations on your globe. Write the item number where you find these latitudes and longitudes on the globe. All These Locations are capitals of nations.

Item #	Latitude	Longitude	Location Name
6.	42°N	13°E	_____
7.	59°N	18°E	_____
8.	16°S	48°W	_____
9.	39°N	77°W	_____
10.	40°N	116°E	_____
11.	34°S	18°E	_____

12. 29°N 77°E _____
13. 19°N 99°W _____

Lesson 8 - Locating Places (continued)

Have the students write a sentence describing the absolute location of a place. For example, "Rome, Italy" is located forty-two degrees north of the Equator and thirteen degrees east of the Prime Meridian. Key descriptive phrases are provided after each question.

14. Stockholm, Sweden - 59°N, 18°E

15. Brasilia, Brazil - 16°S, 48°W

16. Washington, D.C. - 39°N, 77°W
