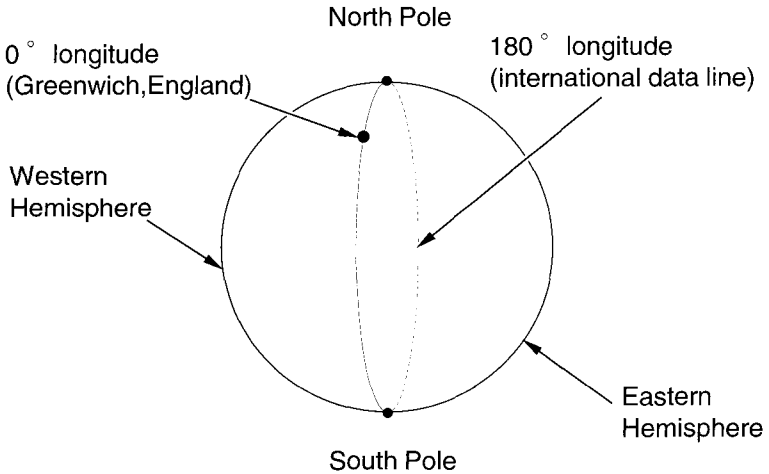


# Introduction

Longitudes, also called meridians, are vertical circles extended from the North Pole to the South Pole. The zero degree longitude, which passes through Greenwich, England, divides the Earth into the Eastern and Western hemispheres. The 180 degree longitude, half way around the planet, is the international date line.

## LONGITUDE



Each longitude 69 miles wide  
Each time zone equals 15° longitude