Look at a globe. A globe shows us what the Earth looks like. It is a model of Earth. Earth is shaped like a ball or a sphere. What colors do you see on the globe? You see a lot of blue. That's the water in Earth's oceans. Earth has more water than land. There are five named oceans. There are seven large masses of land called continents.

Around the middle of the globe, you will see a line called the equator. The equator divides the Earth in half. The equator is like a belt that goes around Earth's middle. The top half of the Earth is called the Northern Hemisphere. (The word "hemisphere" means half a sphere.) The bottom half of the Earth is called the Southern Hemisphere.

Lines that run across the globe from side to side are called lines of latitude. Lines that run from top to bottom
are called lines of **longitude**. These lines are like a ladder. Lines of longitude are like the sides of a ladder. Lines of latitude are like the steps on a ladder.

4 The lines you see on a globe are not marked on the Earth. They are put on globes and maps to help us find places. Another line of longitude is called the **Prime Meridian**. It helps divide the Earth into the **Eastern Hemisphere** and the **Western Hemisphere**.

5 **North America** and **South America** are two continents. They are in the Western Hemisphere. The Western Hemisphere is west of the **Prime Meridian**. The other half of the Earth is called the Eastern Hemisphere. These words help us talk about places on the Earth.

**Geography Words**

1. The equator divides the Earth into the ______ and the ______ Hemispheres.

2. What does the word "hemisphere" mean?

______________________________
3. A simile compares two things using the words "like" or "as." Which of these is a simile?
- A The lines you see on a globe are not marked on the Earth.
- B The equator is like a belt that goes around Earth's middle.
- C A globe is a model of Earth.

4. Which of these is the main idea of this story?
- A The geography words in bold print help us talk about places on the Earth.
- B Earth is divided into different hemispheres.
- C There are five named oceans.
Geography Words

5. Lines of latitude run _______.
   A. Across the globe
   B. From side to side
   C. Like the steps of a ladder
   D. All of the above

6. Which line marks the Eastern and Western Hemispheres?
   A. The equator
   B. The Prime Meridian
   C. Latitude

Geography Words
Write about where you live in the world. Name the hemispheres (two of them) and the continent where you live.
Geography Words
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Directions: Fill in each blank with the word that best completes the reading comprehension.

(1) ________________ at a globe. A globe shows us what the Earth (2) ________________ like. It is a (3) ________________ of Earth. Earth is shaped like a (4) ________________ or a (5) ________________. What colors do you see on the globe? You see a lot of blue. That's the water in Earth's oceans. Earth has more water than land. There are five named oceans. (6) ________________ are seven large masses of land called continents.

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**Geography Words**

1. The equator divides the Earth into the ______ and the ______ Hemispheres.
   - A. Northern and Southern
   - B. Eastern and Western
   - C. Top and bottom

2. What does the word "hemisphere" mean?

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   - A. A globe is a model of Earth.
   - B. The lines you see on a globe are not marked on the Earth.

4. Which of these is the main idea of this story?
   - A. There are five named oceans.
   - B. The geography words in bold print help us talk about places on the Earth.
The equator is like a belt that goes around Earth's middle.

Earth is divided into different hemispheres.

Geography Words

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Write a paragraph using all of the words that are given.

1. marked, globe, bottom, ladder
2. across, large, equator, line, land