Geography

The Amazing Americas

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Learning Objective

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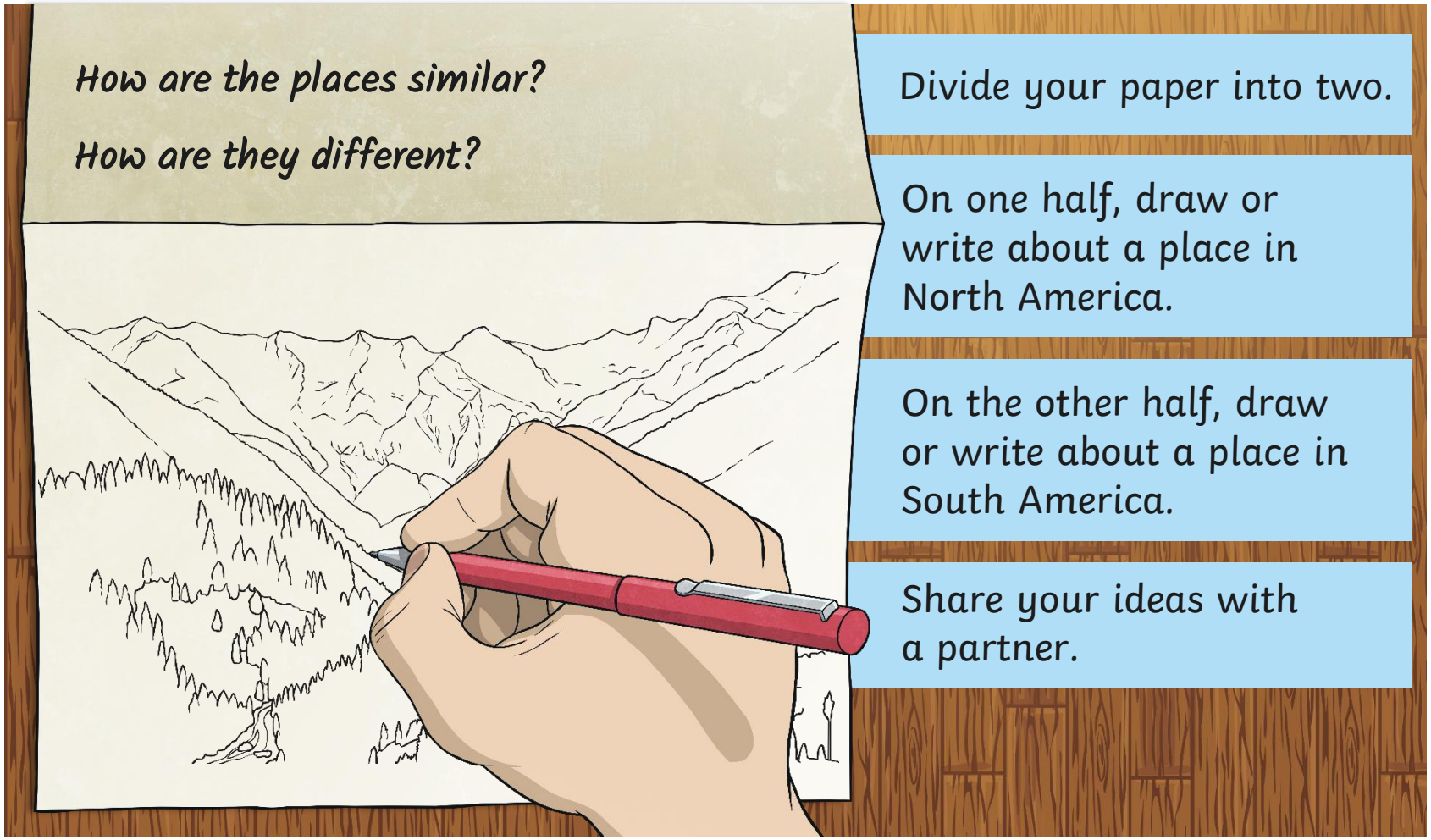

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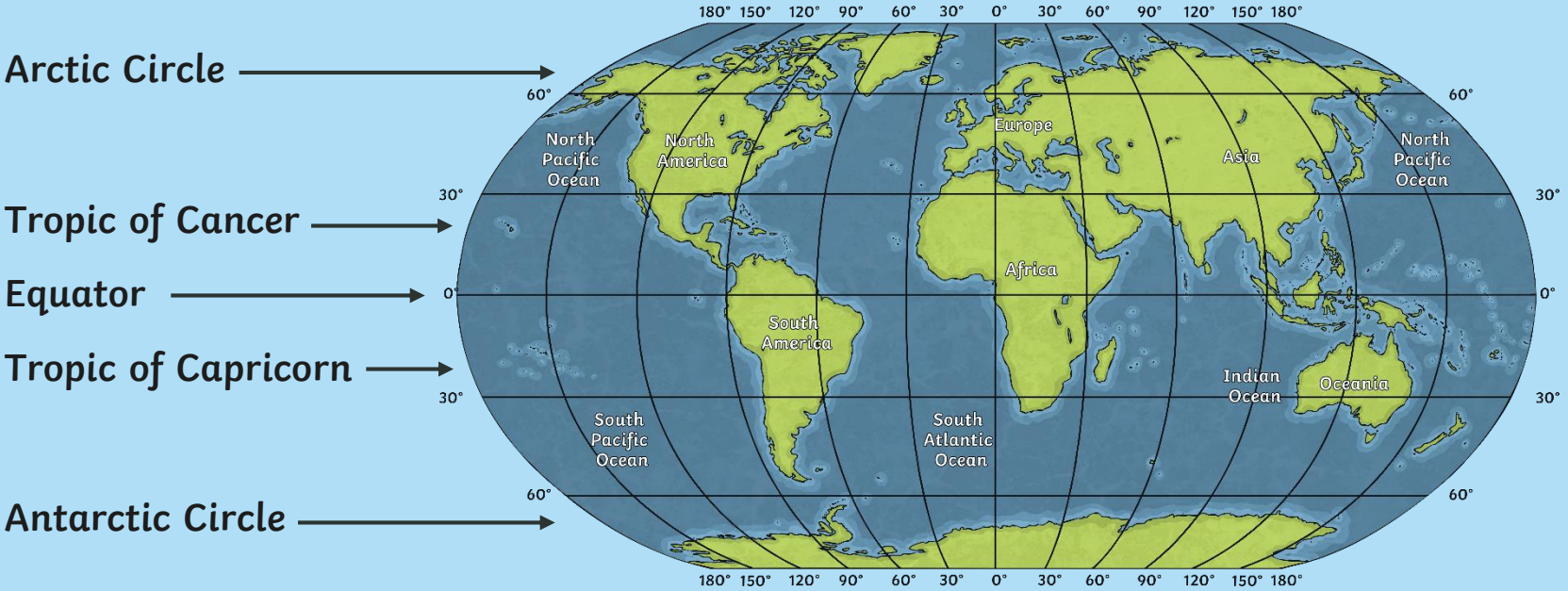

Use the following link to learn more about latitude and longitude.
[Latitude and longitude - BBC Bitesize]

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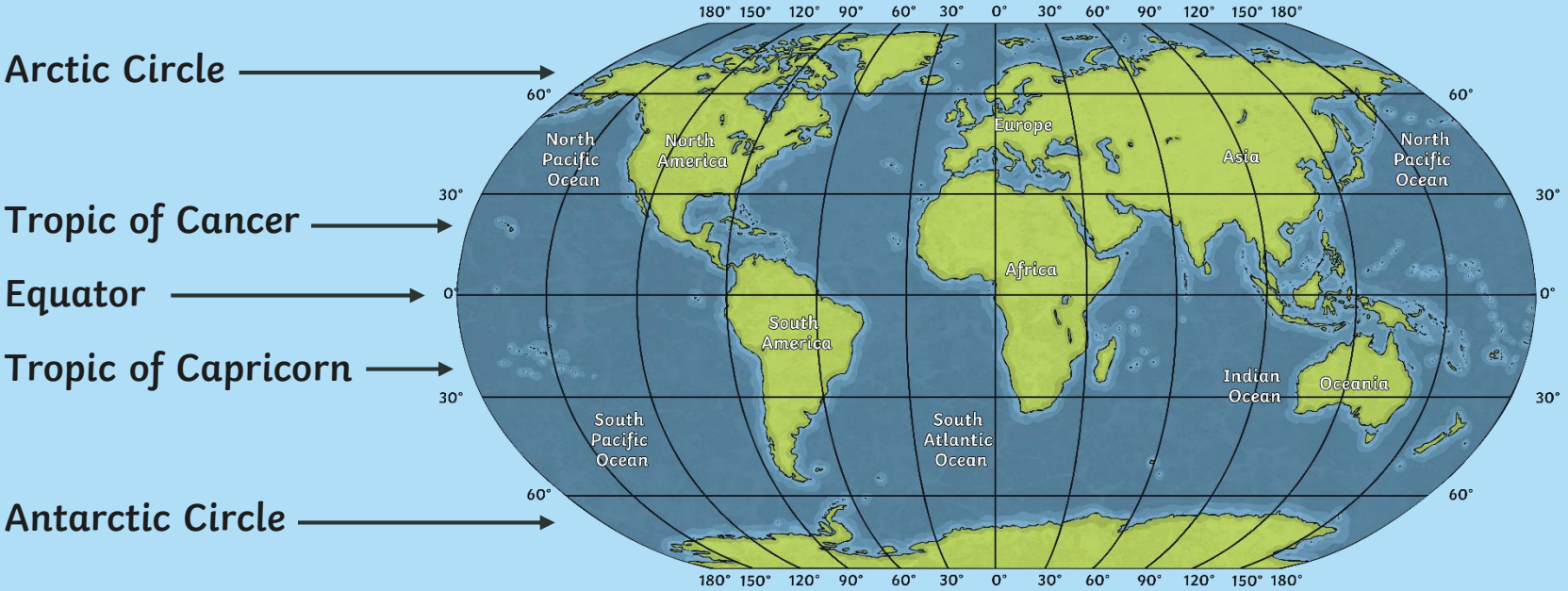

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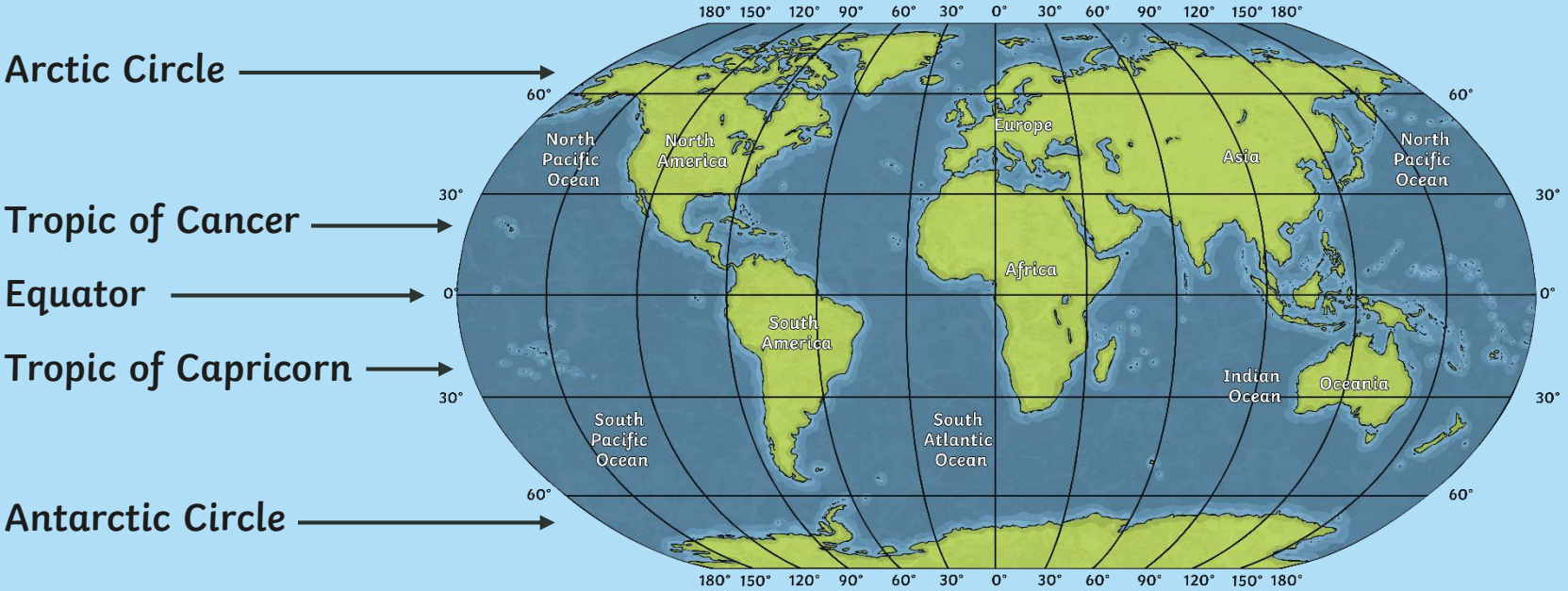

Will the places in each land mass look the same? Why/Why not?

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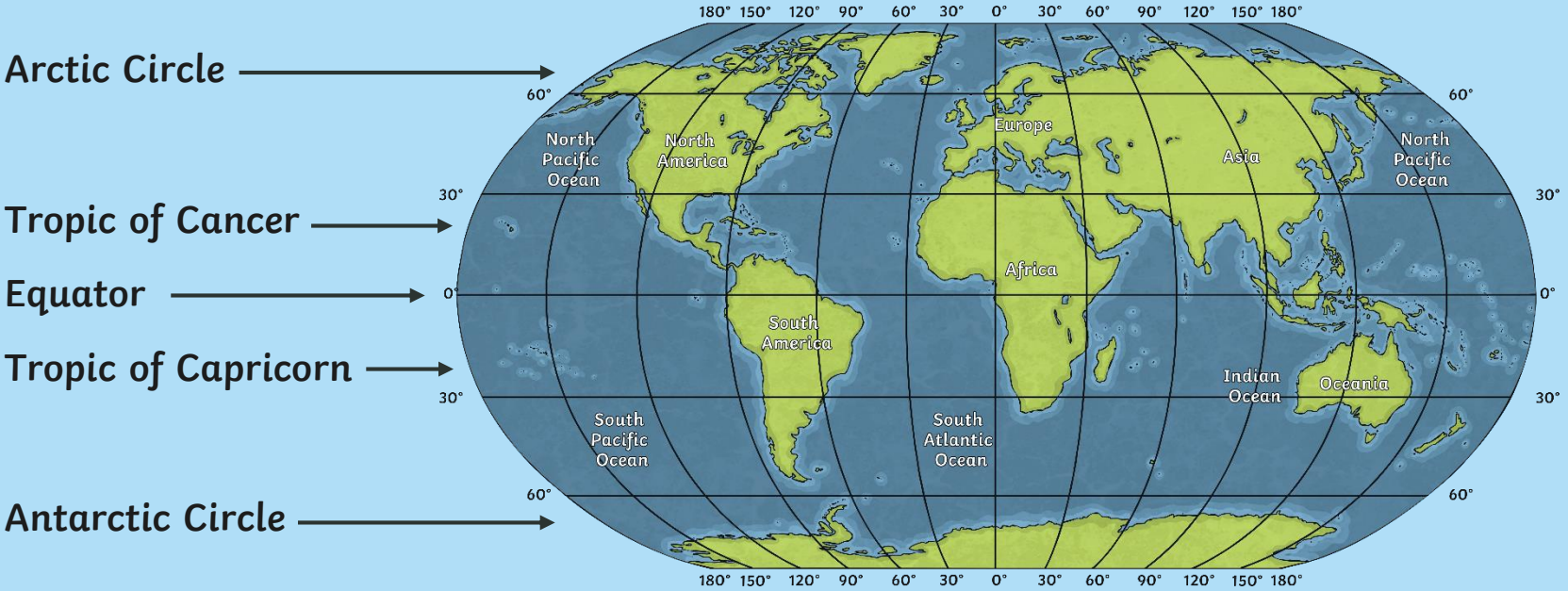

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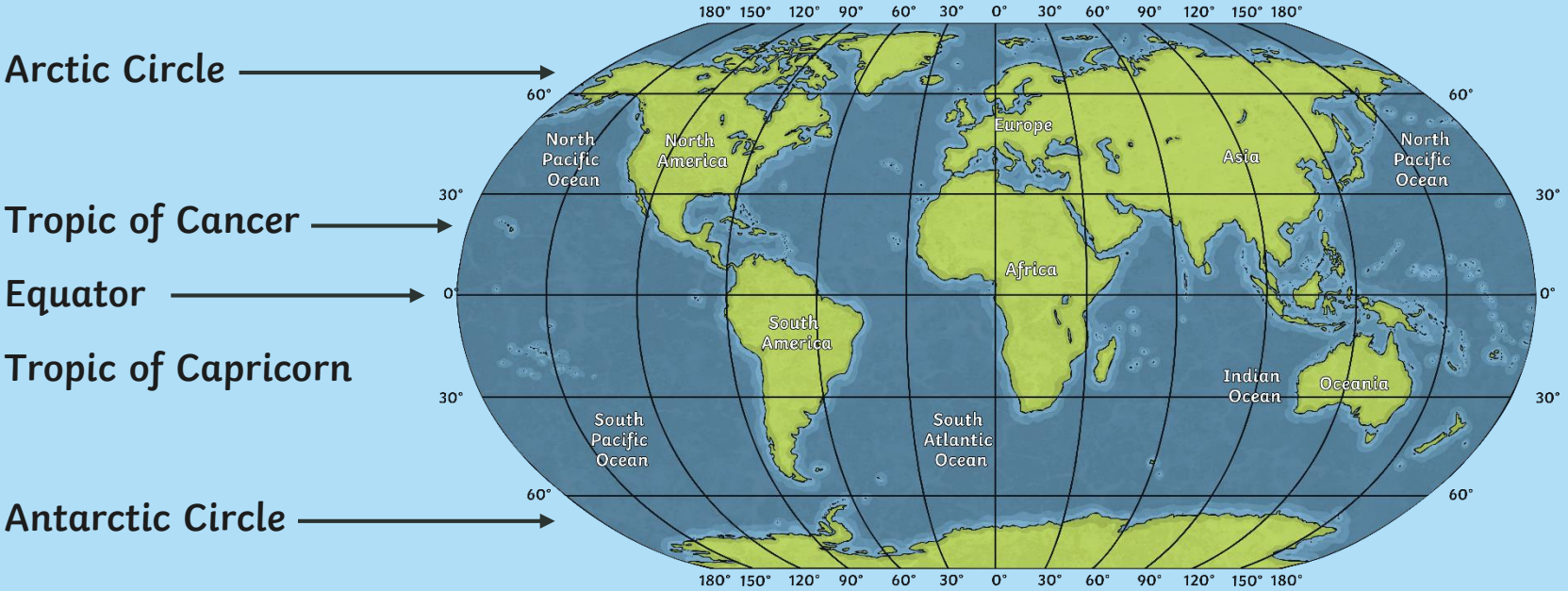

Antarctic Circle: An imaginary line around the southernmost part of the Earth. Circles the South Pole.

Arctic Circle: An imaginary line around the northernmost part of the Earth. Circles the North Pole.

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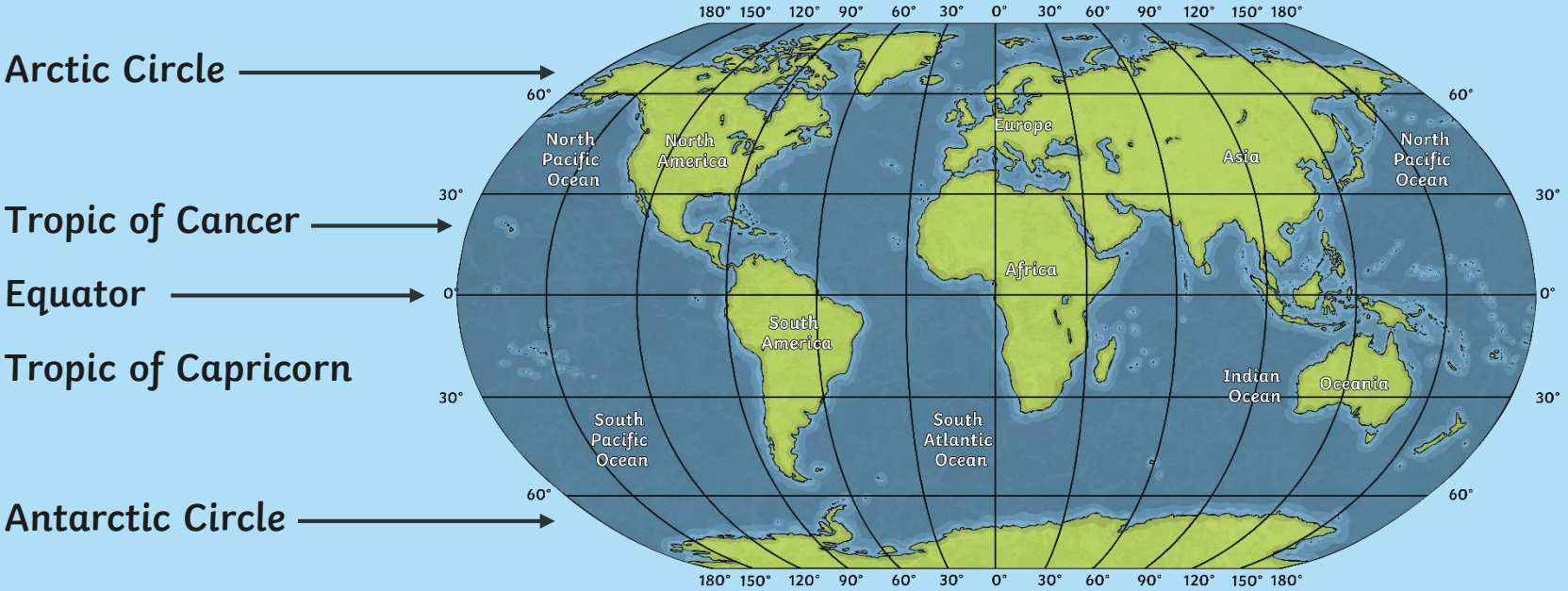

Equator: An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north. The sun is directly above this line around 20th March and 23rd September

Tropic of Capricorn: An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 24° south. The sun is directly above this line at the solstice around 21st December.

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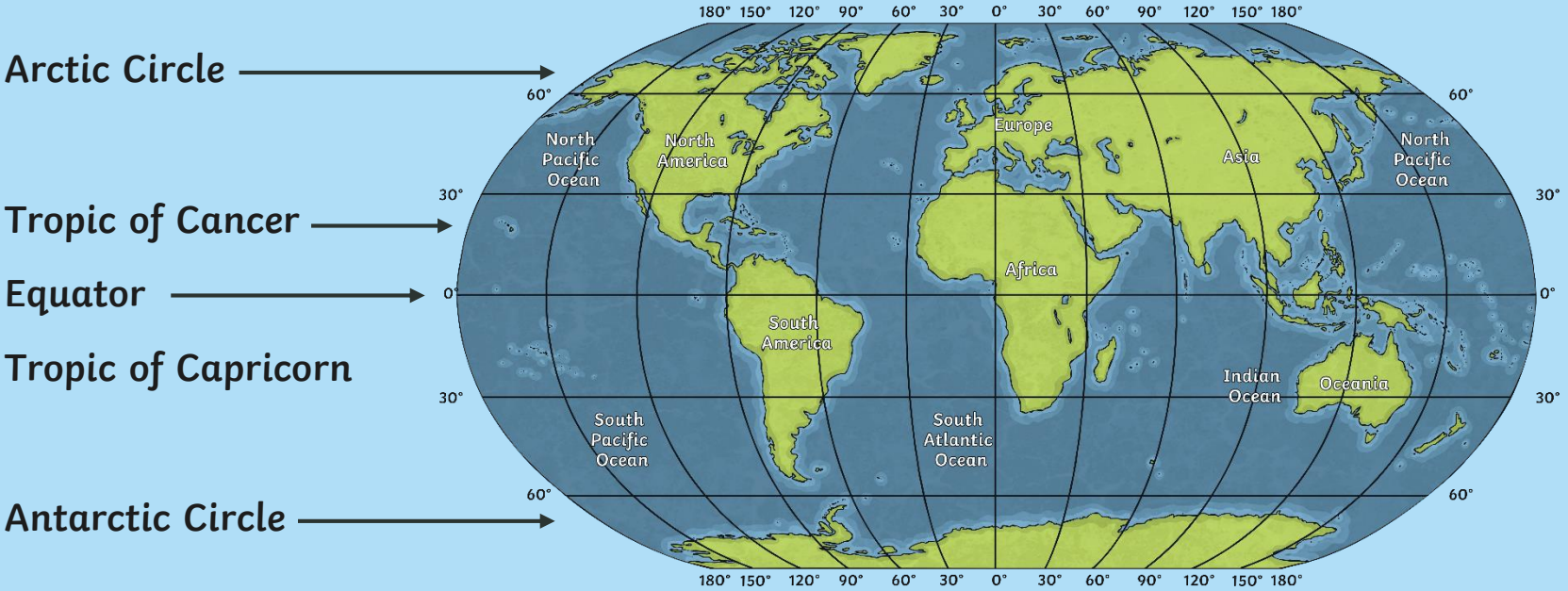

Tropic of Cancer: an imaginary line around the globe at latitude 24° north. The sun is directly above this line at the solstice around 21st June.

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Geographical Locations and Characteristics

Unlike the United Kingdom, the Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude. This means that the characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly. These will include temperature, rainfall, vegetation and land use.

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Geographical Locations and Characteristics

Use google maps, atlases, information books and the internet to help you complete the Geographical Locations and Characteristics Activity Sheet.

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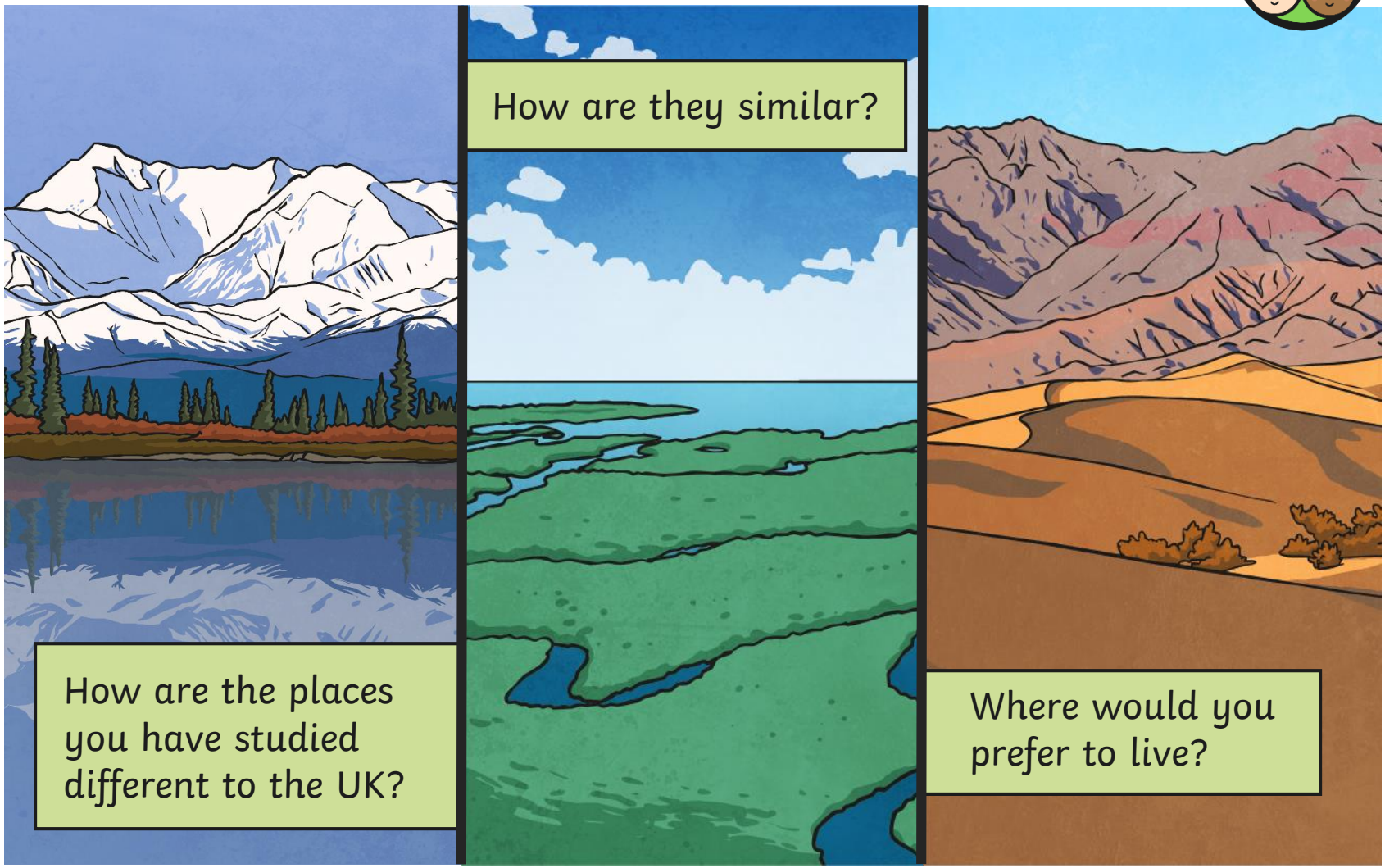
Making Comparisons

Whole Class



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Activity

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Geographical locations and characteristics - 1 star

Green

Geographical locations and characteristics – 3 star

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