

Mapping the World Knowledge Organiser

The Earth rotates (spins) on its axis.

The Earth has two poles: the North and the South Pole. They are not poles like long pieces of wood but poles like those that magnets have.

This is because the Earth is a giant magnet with a core of iron. Halfway between the North and South Poles is an imaginary line called the equator. Everything north of the equator is in the northern hemisphere and everything south of the equator is in the southern hemisphere.



Vocabulary

Axis	An imaginary line about which a body rotates.
Hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator, or into western and eastern halves by an imaginary line passing through the poles.
Equator	A line notionally drawn on the earth equidistant from the poles, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
Compass	An instrument containing a magnetized pointer which shows the direction of magnetic north and bearings from it.
Direction	A course along which someone or something moves.
Pole	Either of the two locations (<i>North Pole</i> or <i>South Pole</i>) on the surface of the earth.



Techniques

A technique is a method of doing something.



The compass rose - A compass gives directions. The main directions are north, east, south and west. When looking at images of the Earth we also use the same direction words.

