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## Introducing Location

### POSITION ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE

The location of a place is its position on the earth's surface. Location can be described in many ways. For example, the location of your home can be described by your mailing address. Write your address below.

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### RELATIVE LOCATION

The *relative location* of a place describes it in relation to other places. Use the map on page 57 to answer the following questions.

1. Which country is between Guyana and French Guiana? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which country is just west of Venezuela? \_\_\_\_\_

### ABSOLUTE LOCATION

The *absolute location* of a place is exact. For a home, absolute location is a street address. For a city, latitude and longitude are used. Use the map on pages 40-41 to name the following places.

1. City on South Carolina's coast at 80°W: \_\_\_\_\_
2. City at 30°N and 90°W: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City at 45°N and 123°W: \_\_\_\_\_

### REASONS FOR LOCATION

There are many reasons places are located where they are. As one example, look at Daytona Beach, Florida. Daytona Beach grew into a city because of its popularity as a vacation spot. Use the maps on pages 41 and 45 to explain why its location favors such use. (Hint: What does its growing season tell you about how long it has warm weather?)

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### TESTING YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Do you understand the difference between relative and absolute location? Use either *relative* or *absolute* to label the descriptions below.

1. Ruth's home is between the school and the shopping mall. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tunis is on the Mediterranean coast at 10°E. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Reykjavik is a little south of the Arctic Circle. \_\_\_\_\_