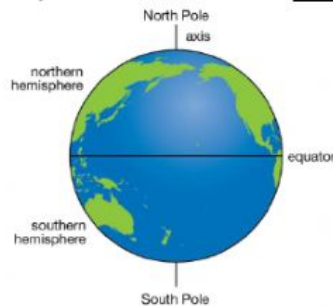


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Where is The Bahamas?

A group of islands is known as an **archipelago**. The Bahamas is an archipelago with over 700 islands and cays. It is a country of islands located in the **Northern Hemisphere** of Planet Earth. **Planet Earth is shaped like a sphere**. An **imaginary line of Latitude** called the **equator** divides the planet into top and bottom halves. These halves are called hemispheres. The top part is called the **Northern Hemisphere** and the bottom part is called the **Southern Hemisphere**.



Another imaginary line that divides the planet into left and right halves is called the **Prime Meridian**. The half that is located to the left of the Prime Meridian is called the **Western Hemisphere**. The half that is located to the right of the Prime Meridian is called the **Eastern Hemisphere**. The islands of the Bahamas are located in the **Western Hemisphere**.



There are **large areas of land on planet earth called continents**. There are 7 continents on Planet earth. The continents are **North America**, **South America**, **Europe**, **Asia**, **Africa**, **Antarctica** and **Australia**. The Bahamas is a part of the North America continent. Asia is the largest continent. The smallest continent is Australia. This continent is also an island. The coldest continent is Antarctica.

The Bahamas is **located in the Atlantic Ocean**. There are 5 oceans on Planet Earth. They are The **Pacific Ocean**, The **Atlantic Ocean**, the **Indian Ocean**, the **Southern Ocean** and the **Arctic Ocean**. The Pacific Ocean is the largest Ocean. The Atlantic Ocean is the second largest ocean. The Arctic Ocean is the smallest and the coldest ocean .

Directions: Use the information above to answer each question.

1. Why is The Bahamas called an archipelago?
2. What is planet Earth shaped like?
3. What two imaginary lines divide the earth into hemispheres?
4. Which hemispheres are the islands of The Bahamas located in?
5. What are continents?
6. Write the names of 7 continents.
7. Which continent is the Bahamas a part of?
8. Which continent is also an island?
9. Write the names of the oceans on planet Earth.
10. Which ocean are the Bahamas Islands located in?