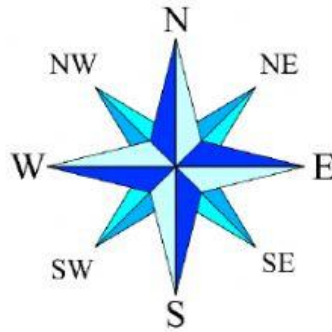


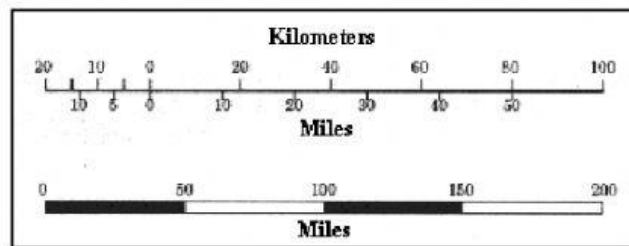
# Map Reading Skills

The **compass rose** shows the intermediate points between the cardinal points on a compass. The four **cardinal points** are: north (N), south (S), east (E) and west (W).

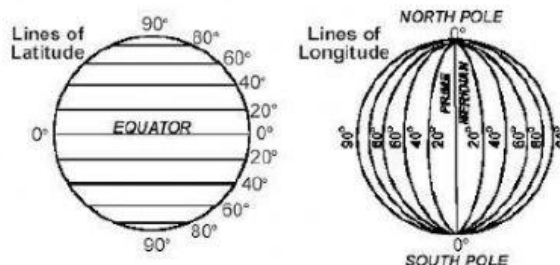
There are four **intermediate points**. They are north-west (NW), north-east (NE), south-west (SW) and south-east (SE).



Scale models and drawings are smaller than the real thing. In this way they fit on a page or a sheet of paper and can be carried or stored easily. A **scale** tells you the size of a plan, map, drawing or model compared with what it represents.



Lines of **latitude** and **longitude** help us to locate places on a map. The islands of The Bahamas are located between latitude  $20^{\circ}\text{N}$  and latitude  $28^{\circ}\text{N}$  and longitude  $72^{\circ}\text{W}$  and  $80^{\circ}\text{W}$ .



The **tropics** is the region of the Earth surrounding the Equator. It is limited in latitude by the **Tropic of Cancer** in the northern hemisphere at 23.5 °N and the **Tropic of Capricorn** in the southern hemisphere at 23.° S. The tropic of Cancer runs through Great Exuma and Long Island. There are seven **continents**: Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, North America, and Antarctica.



## Seven Continents

