

Hemisphere Notes

There are two different imaginary lines on earth that cut the earth in half. Hemi means half, that is why we call it a hemisphere because it is half of a sphere. There are two ways to cut the earth in half (think of an apple, where you can cut it from the top in half and from the middle in half) so we have four hemispheres.

The first "line" is the equator and it cuts the earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

The second "line" is the prime meridian, and it cuts the earth into the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

