

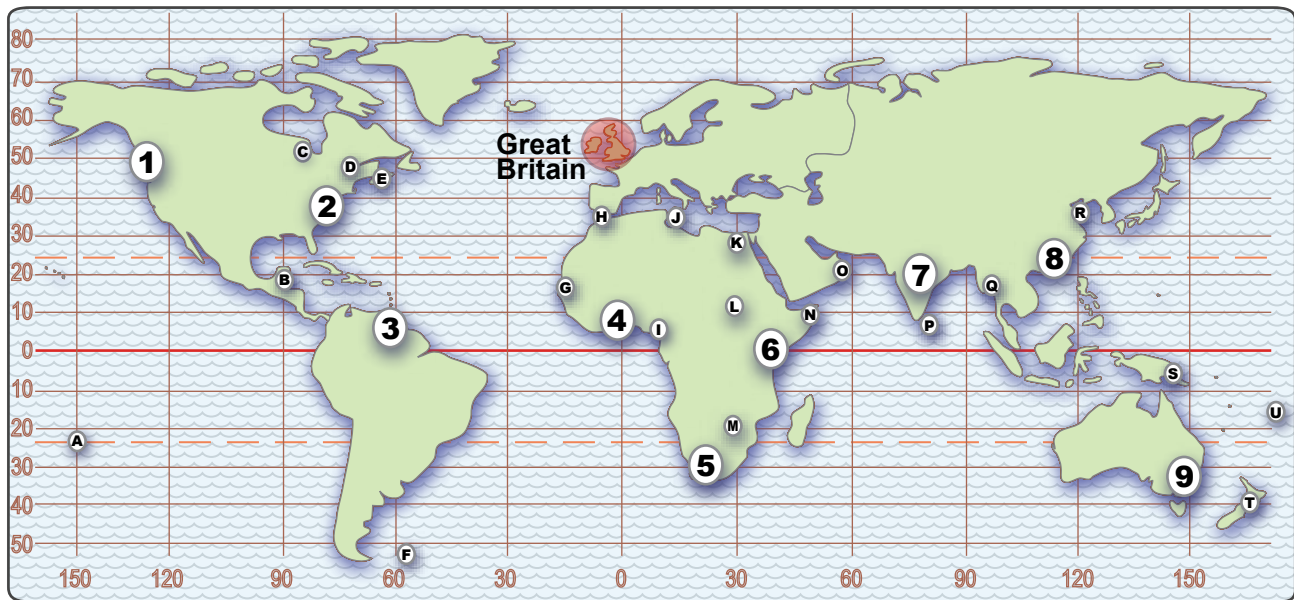
# "The Sun Never Sets on the British Empire" - Truth or Myth?

**Background:** A colony is some territory a country claims on the other side of a sea or ocean. During the Age of Colonization (roughly 1400 to 1900 CE), many European countries and a few Asian countries like Japan claimed colonies in Africa, the Americas, Australia, parts of South and East Asia, and many islands in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans.

1. Use the latitude-longitude coordinates to find each colony on the map.
2. Write the map number of that major colony on the line next to its name on the table.
3. To make sure you remember the locations of these important colonies, write their names next to their numbers on the map.
4. Think of a memory clue that you can use to remember their locations. For example, "Kenya is in East Africa near the equator."  
(OK, this is not rocket science - but it helps!)

Number on map	Major British Colonies	Latitude	Longitude
_____	Australia	28°S	150°E
_____	Columbia	49°N	125°W
_____	Gold Coast	5°S	0°W
_____	Guyana	7°N	58°W
_____	Hong Kong	23°N	115°E
_____	India	20°N	35°E
_____	Kenya	4°S	40°E
_____	S Africa	35°S	18°E
_____	Virginia	37°N	76°W

The map uses letters to show the locations of other British colonies (still not all of them!)



5. At the Equator, the sun rises at 6 a.m. and sets at 6 p.m., and "daylight" is 12 hours long. One hour is 15 degrees of longitude (360-degree circle divided by 24 hours equals 15). Is it true that the sun never sets on the British Empire? \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain your answer here: