

Chapter 1

The origins of our earth

The earth and the sun

We live on the earth. The earth is big and round. There are many countries on the earth. Our country is Vanuatu. England is another country, France is another country. They are both a long way from Vanuatu. Do you know the names of any more countries?

The Earth



Millions of kilometres away is the sun

The sun is very big and round. It is many millions of kilometres away. It is very, very hot and shines on the earth. It is nearly 100 million kilometres away but it makes the earth warm. It shines in the daytime. It gives us light and makes us warm.

Dark Light



Night time Day time



The sun's rays bring light and make us warm.

The sun does not move around the earth. The earth moves round; it turns round all the time. In the day time we look towards the sun and the sun makes us warm. Then the earth turns round and it is night time. It turns away from the sun and at night it is dark and cool. The earth moves from west to east.

The earth does not stay still; it turns round. We cannot feel it moving, but it is moving. It takes 24 hours to turn round. It turns round once a day.

Also in the sky is the moon. It moves round the earth.

Things to do

1. Copy this into your book and fill in the spaces.

It does not move. It is the _____.

People live on it. It is the _____.

It turns round once a day. It is the _____.

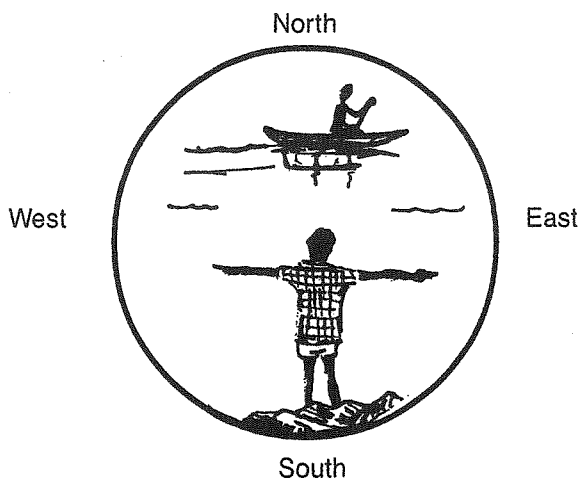
It makes us warm. It is the _____.

We live on the _____.

It is many, many kilometres away from the _____.

It is day time when we face the _____.

North, South, East, West



Here is Kalpor.

Kalpor is pointing to the east with his right hand. That is where the sun rises.

He is pointing to the west with his left hand. That is where the sun sets.

Kalpor is looking at the oceans. The ocean is north of him.

Behind Kalpor is a rock. The rock is south of him.

In front of Kalpor is a canoe. It is on the sea. The canoe is going east. It is going away from the west.

Where is your right hand pointing, Kalpor? My right hand is pointing east.

Where is your left hand pointing, Kalpor? My left hand is pointing west.

What are you looking at, Kalpor? I am looking at the canoe in