Imaginary line of latitude around the Earth, midway be-
tween North and South Poles, dividing the Earth into
Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The equator lies at
$0^{\circ}$ latitude: at midday the Sun is always high in the
sky. Because the sun is never far from being overhead
temperatures are high

## Five key lines of latitude



The imaginary line passes through the north and south poles of the Earth is called the axis of rotation. This spinning movement of the Earth is called rotation. The earth completes one rotation on its axis in about 24 hours (i.e. one day and one night)


