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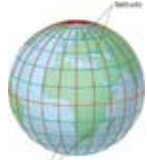
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1. Angular distance on the earth's surface, measured east or west from the Prime Meridian at Greenwich, England, to the meridian passing through a position, expressed in degrees (or hours), minutes, and seconds.
 2. Celestial longitude.

[Middle English, length, a measured length, from Old French, from Latin *longitūdō*, *longitūdin-*, from *longus*, long; see [del-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]



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