Location:

Although Maycomb, Alabama is fictitious, the hometown of Dill is very real. "Dill was from Meridian, Mississippi, was spending the summer with his aunt" (8). Meridian is located at 32.3642° N, 88.7036° W (Google). This is an example of absolute location as it contains latitude and longitude. The main family of the story, the Finch's live next to the Radley house with "Radley Place three doors to the south"(7). This is an example of relative location as it shows the Finch's home in relation to the Radley Place, three doors down. Another example of relative location can be found in the description of the court room in which Atticus attempts to prove the innocence of Tom Robinson. Scout, Jem, and Dill sit in "the Colored balcony [that] ran along three walls of the courtroom like a second-story veranda" (219). This is an example of relative location as it shows where Scout, Jem, and Dill sat in the courthouse using elements of the courtroom to describe their relative location in the room. A final example of relative location is illustrated by the location of the Ewells' house where they "lived behind the town garbage dump" (227). (Why would the last example of relative location not receive full credit?)

**Remember, if you find an example that is not clear make sure your explanation clearly shows your understanding of the theme and why you chose that quote.