

the... (names of places)

A

Places (continents, countries, states, islands, towns, etc.)

In general we do *not* use **the** with names of places:

- Quebec** is a province of **Canada**.
- Cairo** is the capital of **Egypt**.
- Hawaii** is an island in the Pacific.
- Peru** is in **South America**.

But we use **the** in names with 'republic'/'states'/'kingdom':

the Dominican Republic
the United States of America (the USA)
the United Kingdom (the UK)



B

the -s (plural names)We use **the** with *plural* names of countries/islands/mountains:

the Netherlands **the Hawaiian Islands**
the Philippines **the Andes**



C

Seas, rivers, etc.

We use **the** with names of oceans/seas/rivers/canals:

the Atlantic (Ocean) **the Mediterranean (Sea)**
the Nile (River) **the Panama Canal**

the Amazon
the Black Sea



D

Places in towns (streets, buildings, etc.)

In general, we do *not* use **the** with names of streets, squares, etc.:

- Kevin lives on **Central Avenue**.
- Where is **Main Street**, please?
- Times Square** is in New York.

We do not use **the** with names of airports, train stations, parks, and many important buildings:

O'Hare International Airport **Yosemite (National Park)**
Pennsylvania Station **Carnegie Hall**



also

Harvard University, Pomona College, etc.But we use **the** with names of most hotels, museums, theaters, and monuments:

the Regent Hotel **the National Theater**
the Metropolitan (Museum) **the Cineplex (movie theater)**
the Taj Mahal **the Lincoln Memorial**



E

the... of...We use **the** + names with ... **of** ...:

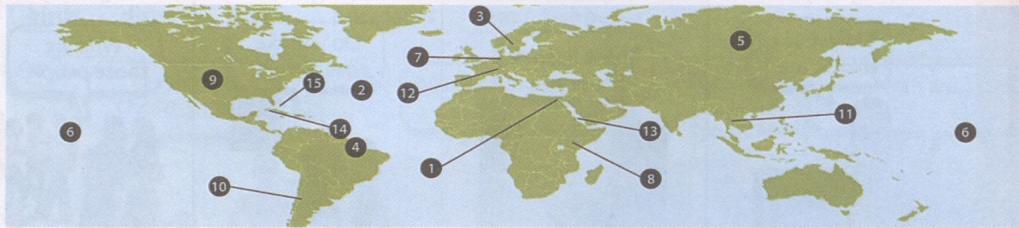
the Museum of Modern Art **the University of California**
the Great Wall of China **the Statue of Liberty**

We say **the north / the south / the east / the west** (of ...):

- I've been to **the north of Italy**, but not to **the south**.

Exercises

71.1 Answer these geography questions. Choose from the box. Use **The** if necessary.



1 Cairo is the capital of Egypt.

2 The Atlantic is between Africa and America.

3 is a country in northern Europe.

4 is a river in South America.

5 is the largest continent in the world.

6 is the largest ocean.

7 is a river in Europe.

8 is a country in East Africa.

9 is between Canada and Mexico.

10 are mountains in South America.

11 is the capital of Thailand.

12 are mountains in central Europe.

13 is between Saudi Arabia and Africa.

14 is an island in the Caribbean.

15 are a group of islands near Florida.

Alps
Amazon
Andes
Asia
Atlantic
Bahamas
Bangkok
Cairo
Jamaica
Kenya
Pacific
Red Sea
Rhine
Sweden
United States

71.2 Write **the** where necessary. If the sentence is already correct, write OK.

1 Kevin lives on Central Avenue.

2 We went to see a play at National Theater.

3 Have you ever been to China?

4 Have you ever been to Philippines?

5 Have you ever been to south of France?

6 Can you tell me where Washington Monument is?

7 Can you tell me where Hollywood Boulevard is?

8 Can you tell me where Museum of Art is?

9 Europe is bigger than Australia.

10 Belgium is smaller than Netherlands.

11 Which river is longer – Mississippi or Nile?

12 Did you go to National Gallery when you were in Washington?

13 We stayed at Park Hotel near Central Park.

14 How far is it from Times Square to JFK Airport?

15 Rocky Mountains are in North America.

16 Texas is famous for oil and cowboys.

17 I hope to go to United Kingdom next year.

18 Mary comes from west of Ireland.

19 John is a student at University of Michigan.

20 Panama Canal joins Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean.

OK

at the National Theater

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