

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** Amazon
the Nile (River) **the** Panama Canal **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** ...:

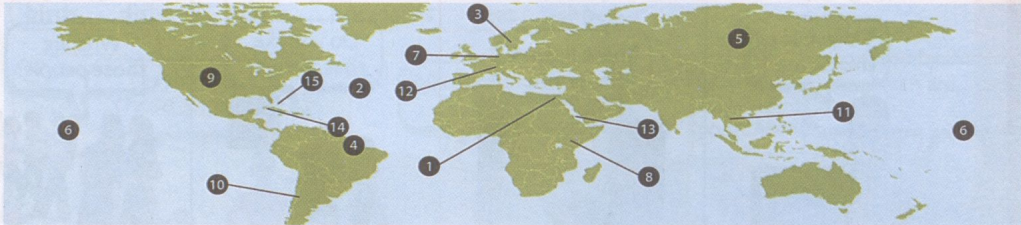
the Museum **of** Modern Art **the** University **of** California
the Great Wall **of** China **the** Statue **of** Liberty



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

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

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. OK
- 2 We went to see a play at the 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.