

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**.
- **Bangkok** is the capital of **Thailand**.
- **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 Czech 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, stations, universities, and parks.

- O'Hare International Airport** **Harvard University**
- Pennsylvania Station** **Yosemite** (National Park)



But we use **the** with names of most hotels, museums, theaters, and monuments:

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



E

the . . . of . . .

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

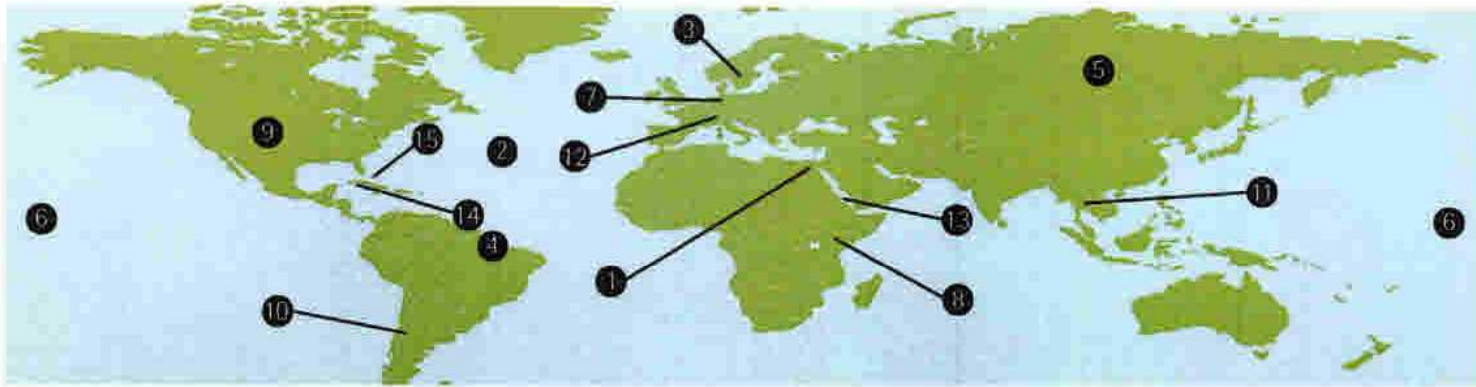
- the Museum of Modern Art** **the University of California**
- the Great Wall of China** **the Statue of Liberty**

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

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



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



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| 1. <u>Cairo</u> | is the capital of Egypt. | Alps |
| 2. <u>The Atlantic</u> | is between Africa and America. | Amazon |
| 3. _____ | is a country in northern Europe. | Andes |
| 4. _____ | is a river in South America. | Asia |
| 5. _____ | is the largest continent in the world. | Atlantic |
| 6. _____ | is the largest ocean. | Bahamas |
| 7. _____ | is a river in Europe. | Bangkok |
| 8. _____ | is a country in East Africa. | Cairo |
| 9. _____ | is between Canada and Mexico. | Jamaica |
| 10. _____ | are mountains in South America. | Kenya |
| 11. _____ | is the capital of Thailand. | Pacific |
| 12. _____ | are mountains in central Europe. | Red Sea |
| 13. _____ | is between Saudi Arabia and Africa. | Rhine |
| 14. _____ | is an island in the Caribbean. | Sweden |
| 15. _____ | are a group of islands near Florida. | United States |

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

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| 1. Kevin lives on Central Avenue. | <u>OK</u> |
| 2. We went to see a play <u>at National Theater</u> . | <u>at the National Theater</u> |
| 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 Kennedy 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. Alan is a student at University of Michigan. | _____ |
| 20. Panama Canal joins Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean. | _____ |