

The definite article with geographical names



We use **THE** with:

- **names of oceans, rivers, seas and canals:**

Oceans – *the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Indian*

Rivers – *the Rio Grande, the Thames, the Nile*

Seas – *the Baltic Sea, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean*

Canals – *the Suez Canal, the Panama Canal*



But there is usually no **THE** with:

- **lakes:**

- ⊘ **Lake Victoria,**

- ⊘ **Lake Eire,**

- ⊘ **Lake Titicaca**



We use **THE** with:

- **mountain ranges:**
 - the Alps,**
 - the Andes,**
 - the Rocky Mountains**
- **groups of islands:**
 - the Bahamas,**
 - the Canary Islands**



But there is no **THE** with:

- **single mountain tops / peaks:**

- ⊘ **Mount Blank,**

- ⊘ **Mount Everest,**

- ⊘ **Mount Etna**

- **single islands:**

- ⊘ **Sicily**

- ⊘ **Bermuda**

- ⊘ **Tenerife**



There is usually no **THE** with:

- **names of continents, countries, states, towns:**

⊘ **Africa,**

⊘ **France,**

⊘ **Florida,**

⊘ **Vilnius**



We use **THE** with:

- plural names of countries:
the Netherlands,
the Philippines
- names that include *Republic, State, Kingdom, Federation*):
the Czech Republic
the United Kingdom
the United States

