

ARTICLES WITH GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

We generally use either 'the' or 'no article' with geographical names in English. There isn't a lot of logic! We just need to learn if we need 'the' or 'no article' for each kind of place.

We use 'no article' with:

- _____: We visited Lake Geneva.
- _____: I saw Mount Fuji from the aeroplane.
- _____: She loves living in Asia.
- Most _____: She travelled to Chile last year.
(But: the USA / the United States, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the United Kingdom / the UK).
- Counties, _____, provinces, regions:
They live in California.
- _____, towns, villages: He stayed in Paris for a week last year. (But: the Hague (Haga)).
- _____: Bali is popular with Australian tourists.

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We use 'the' with:

- _____: The River Nile flows through Egypt.
- _____: We ski in the Alps every year.
- _____: She travelled across the Sahara.
- _____ and _____: We sailed around the Mediterranean and then spent a week at the Atlantic Ocean.
- _____: They went to the Canary Islands.