



This summer, come to the USA. Start your holiday in Washington DC and visit 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. It's the White House and home of our President.



For tourists who love history, visit Peru. When you arrive, take a tour of the old city in the centre of the Lima. Then go by bus to Lake Titicaca and Machu Picchu.

Presentation

Definite article (*the*)

Use *the* with:

- the names of deserts: *the Atacama Desert*
- seas and oceans: *the Baltic Sea, the Pacific Ocean*
- rivers: *the River Seine*
- place names that contain a plural noun: *the Netherlands*
- country names that contain the words *kingdom, republic* and *states*: *The United States of America*
- some geographical areas with the words *east* and *west*: *the West, the Middle East*
- *north / east / south / west / centre* to talk about part of a country or place: *the centre of the city*

No article

We use no article with the names of:

- continents: *South America*
- countries: *Peru*
- states in a country: *Washington State*
- cities and towns, e.g. *Washington*
- the names of roads and *streets*, e.g. *Pennsylvania Avenue*
- lakes, e.g. *Lake Titicaca*
- a single mountain, e.g. *Mount Everest*.

Exercises

1 The definite articles are missing. Write them in the sentences.

- 1 This is Anouk. She's from ^{the} Netherlands.
- 2 Sri Lanka is in Indian Ocean.
- 3 Earth is 384,000 km from moon.
- 4 Paris is famous for Eiffel Tower.
- 5 In the past, Black Sea was part of the Atlantic Ocean.
- 6 There are twenty-seven countries in European Union.
- 7 River Ganges goes through India.
- 8 Slovakia is next to Czech Republic.

2 Write sentences. Add the definite article and make any other necessary changes.



- 1 Taj Mahal / be / in / India
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- 3 Panama Canal / connects / Pacific Ocean / to / Atlantic
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- 2 South Pole / be / in / Antarctic
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- 4 Tower of London / be / in / centre / London.
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3 Cross out *the* where it is incorrect. Tick the sentences that are correct.

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| 1 Last year we went on a tour of the North America. | X | 7 Beijing is the capital city of the Republic of China. | |
| 2 We went on a tour of the White House. | ✓ | 8 I work in the north of the city. | |
| 3 My parents live on the Mulberry Road. | | 9 The 10 Downing Street is the home of the UK Prime Minister. | |
| 4 The California is famous for Hollywood. | | 10 Six countries are around the Red Sea. | |
| 5 Mount Etna is in the Sicily. | | | |
| 6 The Atacama desert is in Chile. | | | |