**Articles with Geographical Names**

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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:

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

We use 'the' with:

* Rivers: The River Nile flows through Egypt.
* Mountain ranges: We ski in the Alps every year.
* Deserts: She travelled across the Sahara.
* Oceans and seas: We sailed around the Mediterranean.
* Groups of islands: They went to the Canary Islands.