

Complete the sentences with *the*, *a/an* or *–*. Then check the answers with the rules of using articles with proper names on next page.

1. ____ Great Wall of China was built by Emperor Ch'in Shih Huang Ti and is 1,400 miles long.
2. ____ United Kingdom is made up of four countries — ____ England, ____ Northern Ireland, ____ Scotland and ____ Wales.
3. ____ Crete is the largest of the Greek islands at 8,336 km² and the fifth largest island in ____ Mediterranean.
4. ____ Kilimanjaro lies 340 km south of ____ Equator, 280 km from ____ Indian Ocean and just over 400 km from ____ Lake Victoria.
5. ____ Philippines is an island nation located in ____ Southeast Asia, with ____ Manila as its capital city.
6. ____ Astor Court Hotel is located in the heart of West End, within walking distance from ____ Oxford Street, ____ Bond Street and ____ Regents Street.
7. ____ Coca-Cola was sold in bottles for the first time on March 12, 1894.
8. ____ Nile is a major north-flowing river in ____ Africa, generally regarded as the longest river in the world.
9. ____ Ford Motor Company is an American multinational corporation and the world's third largest automaker based on worldwide vehicle sales.
10. The highest mountain in ____ Alps is ____ Mont Blanc.

ARTICLES + PROPER NAMES

NO ARTICLE

continents Europe, Africa, South America

countries Germany, Canada, Greece, Great Britain

(BUT if *kingdom* or *republic* is a part of the name or if it is a plural form, you use the definite article)

islands Crete, Sri Lanka

mountains Ben Nevis, Mount Everest, Kilimanjaro

(individual mountains, NOT mountain ranges in plural forms!)

lakes Loch Ness, Lake Michigan

towns and cities London, Prague, Los Angeles

streets Oxford Street, Broadway

brand names Kleenex

names of companies Microsoft

DEFINITE ARTICLE

plurals (some countries or mountain ranges) the Azores

rivers the Thames, the Nile, the Amazon

oceans and seas the Pacific (Ocean), the Mediterranean

famous buildings the Eiffel Tower, the Taj Mahal