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Basics. The Definite Article with Place Names

Medium | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Article | Comparative and superlative | Determiner | Noun | Past tense | Simple tense

1. Help the confused travel blogger complete her summer itinerary by dragging the correct articles to the blanks. (Drag '-' if no article is needed).

Next year, I am visiting _____ Philippines for a sunny beach holiday. After a week of island hopping, I will take a short flight to explore _____ Japan.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) a
B) the
C) -

Blank 2

A) the
B) a
C) -

2. Captain Barnacles is updating his treasure map, but he needs to make sure his grammar is shipshape. Select ALL the sentences he wrote correctly!

Select all that apply.

A) We sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to find the gold.
B) I hid the shiny diamonds near the Nile River.
C) Our previous ship sank in Pacific Ocean.
D) We found a magical chest at the bottom of the Lake Victoria.

3. An alien commander is writing a scouting report on Earth's geography. Help him fix his grammar by dragging the correct articles to the blanks so the Earthlings don't laugh at him. (Drag '-' if no article is needed).

Initial scans suggest that landing in _____ Europe would provide a good central base. However, we have decided to establish first contact on the beautiful beaches of _____ Dominican Republic.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) the
B) a
C) -

Blank 2

A) a
B) -
C) the

4. Help the travel blogger pick out the grammatically correct sentences for her upcoming itinerary! Select ALL the options that apply.

Select all that apply.

A) I am flying to the United Kingdom next week.
B) We will spend a month exploring the Japan.
C) After that, I want to visit the Philippines.
D) My final stop before going home is the France.

5. Help the geography student fix their messy notes by selecting the correct article for each geographical name.

"Did you know that _____ Nile is the longest river in the world? It flows through the deserts of _____ Africa. Finally, it empties into _____ Mediterranean Sea."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** an
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

6. Complete the trivia night question so your team can win the grand prize!

Choose the correct words to complete the sentence.

"___ is a famous river located in ___."

Select one.

- **A)** Amazon / the South America
- **B)** The Amazon / the South America
- **C)** The Amazon / South America
- **D)** Amazon / South America

7. A contestant is sweating under the studio lights during a geography trivia game! Help him lock in his final answers by dragging the correct articles into the blanks. (Drag '-' if no article is needed).

For one million dollars, I know that _____ Amazon is the longest river in South America. However, the largest freshwater lake by volume is _____ Lake Baikal in Russia.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** -

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** -

8. Zorg the Alien is writing postcards to his family on Mars, but his Earth grammar is a bit rusty. Select ALL the sentences where Zorg uses place names correctly!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I saw a really tall tower in Paris today.
- **B)** The humans say that the Europe is a very old continent.
- **C)** Tomorrow, my spaceship lands in the New York.
- **D)** It is very hot here in Africa!

9. Read this sunny postcard from your friend and choose the best option to complete their sentences.

"Greetings from _____ Philippines! The beaches here are amazing. We are so glad to escape the cold winter back home in _____ Canada. Next week, our vacation continues when we fly to _____ Sydney!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

10. Help the stressed student pick the grammatically correct sentence for her geography pop quiz.

Select the grammatically correct sentence.

Select one.

- **A)** The London is the capital of United Kingdom.
- **B)** The London is the capital of the United Kingdom.
- **C)** London is the capital of United Kingdom.
- **D)** London is the capital of the United Kingdom.

11. Help the excited travel blogger complete their itinerary by choosing the correct article for each place.

"Next year, I am visiting _____ Italy! After enjoying the pasta, I will take a train to _____ United Kingdom to see the King. My dream is to finish the trip with a romantic dinner in _____ Paris."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

12. Complete the traveler's social media post about their upcoming adventure.

"My dream is to rent a car and drive across ___ before visiting my cousins in ___."

Select one.

- **A)** the United States / Canada
- **B)** United States / the Canada
- **C)** the United States / the Canada
- **D)** United States / Canada