

Articles: With Geographical Names

USE: When a geographical feature is a **proper name** we do not usually use an article.
You are studying in Canada.
We climbed Mount Logan.

There are some exceptions, however. We use articles in front of the following proper names for geographical features:

- Chains or groups of islands, mountains and lakes.
The Queen Charlotte Islands, The Rocky Mountains, The Great Lakes
- Rivers, deserts, territories, oceans and seas, and regions using a direction.
The St. Lawrence River, The Sahara Desert, The Atlantic Ocean, The West
- With nouns with *of* in them and plural countries.
The United States of America, The Philippines, The Republic of Congo

Fill in the blanks with A, THE or Ø.

1. _____ Maritimes are the provinces in _____ eastern part of Canada. They are on _____ Atlantic Ocean.
2. _____ Ottawa is the capital of _____ Canada.
3. _____ Manitoba, _____ Saskatchewan and _____ Alberta are known as _____ Prairies.
4. There is a strange desert in _____ Alberta called _____ Badlands.
5. _____ Ontario is _____ Canada's most populous province.
6. _____ Quebec is home to the greatest number of French-speaking Canadians.
7. In 1999, _____ Northwest Territories was split into two territories- _____ Northwest Territories and _____ Nunavut.
8. _____ Victoria, on _____ Vancouver Island has the warmest weather in Canada.
9. _____ Nahanni River, in _____ northern Canada offers excellent canoeing.
10. _____ Yellowknife is located on _____ Great Slave Lake.
11. Every summer, _____ Calgary has a large rodeo and exhibition called _____ Calgary Stampede.
12. Anne of Green Gables, a famous Canadian story, is set in _____ Prince Edward Island.