

Articles, lesson two: THE with locations



Use **THE** before the names of oceans, rivers, mountain ranges, regions, seas, canals, deserts, bridges, zoos and some valleys.

The Pacific Ocean is on the **West Coast**.

The Salinas River flows into the bay.

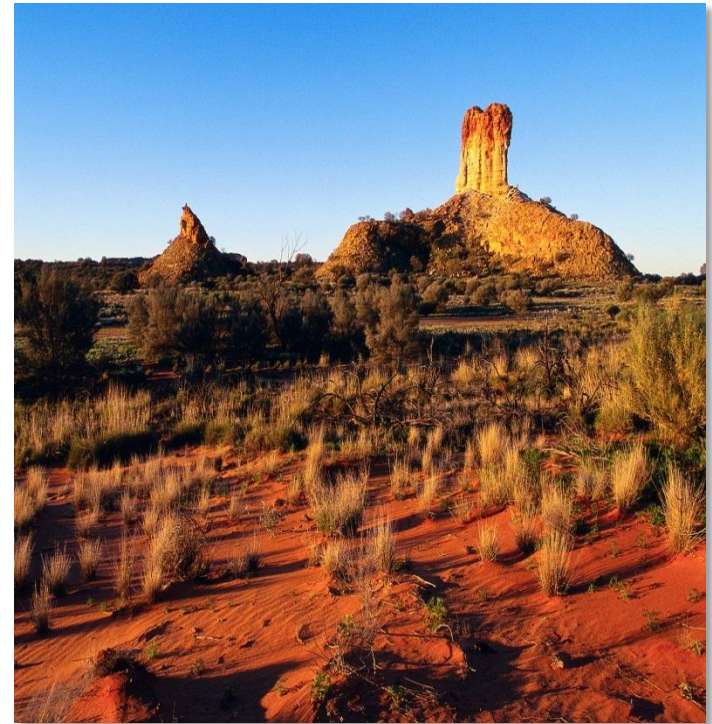
We skied in **the High Sierra**.

Where is **the Salton Sea**?

The Inland Canal carries water to farms in **the San Joaquin Valley**.

The Mojave Desert is in California.

We visited **the San Diego Zoo**.



Use **THE** with plural islands, lakes, and mountains



The Channel Islands are off the coast of California.

The Great Lakes are in the Midwest between the U.S. and Canada.

We took a trip to **the Rocky Mountains**.

Use THE for universities with “of,” museums, libraries, and famous buildings

the University of California

the Statue of Liberty

the Monterey Museum of Art

the Library of Congress

the deYoung Museum

the Monterey Bay Aquarium



Do not use THE

- When the name of a college or university comes *after* the place name:

Monterey Peninsula College

San Francisco State University

- With continents, states, cities, streets:

Main Street, California, North America

- With singular islands, lakes, mountains:

Alcatraz, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Lassen

Crazy exceptions with THE

- Use THE before the plural name of a whole family: the Smiths, the Dunleavys
- Use THE with these cities, countries and streets: the Hague, the Netherlands, the Champs-Élysées
- **Do not** use THE with southern or northern:
Southern California, northern Arizona