在哪些英文地名前，需要加定冠词 “the”？“英国” 的正确名称是 “the United Kingdom” 还是 “United Kingdom”？“亚洲” 是 “the Asia” 还是 “Asia”？

Today, we look at geographic features, and why some don't use any article, and others use the definite article the.

Usually, we don't use the with names. That's why we don't need to use the before the names of:

Lakes:  
I live near Lake Como.

Mountains:  
I visited Mont Blanc last year.

Cities:  
I went to Tokyo last summer.

Islands:  
I really want to go to Cuba.

Continents:  
Asia is a huge continent.

We also don't use the with the names of most countries.  
I love Spain.

However, for countries which are plural nouns, we need to use the.  
I flew to the Netherlands.

And for countries which contain words like 'states', ‘kingdom’ or ‘republic’, we use the.  
I visited the United States last year.  
I live in the United Kingdom.

Bye!

**用法总结**

1. （单个）湖泊、山脉、岛屿以及城市和大陆的名字前在通常情况下不用加 “the”。

I live near Lake Como.

I visited Mont Blanc last year.

I went to Tokyo last summer.

I really want to go to Cuba.

Asia is a huge continent.

2. 注意：河流名字，多个岛屿构成的群岛、多个山峰构成的山脉等名字前常会加 “the”。

The Yantze River is the third longest river in the world.

The Nile is the longest river in the world.

Mount Everest is in the Himalayas.

The Maldives consists of many islands.

3. 国家名字前通常不加 “the”，但是复数名词的国名，或国名全称中带有 “states（邦，

州的复数）”、“kingdom（王国）” 和 “republic（共和国）” 时，前面多加 “the”。

I love Spain.

I flew to the Netherlands.

I visited the United States last year.

I live in the United Kingdom.

The Republic of Ireland is in the EU.