

Articles with geographical names

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We do not use articles with continents, e.g.

- Europe
- Asia
- North America
- South America
- Africa
- Australia

We do not usually use articles with geographical areas, e.g.

- Eastern Europe
- Western Europe
- Central America
- Siberia

But "*the*" is used with:

- the Far East
- the Middle East
- the North Pole
- the South Pole

We do not use articles with names of countries. But we use "*the*" with the names of countries if they include words such as:

- state
- republic
- kingdom
- federation

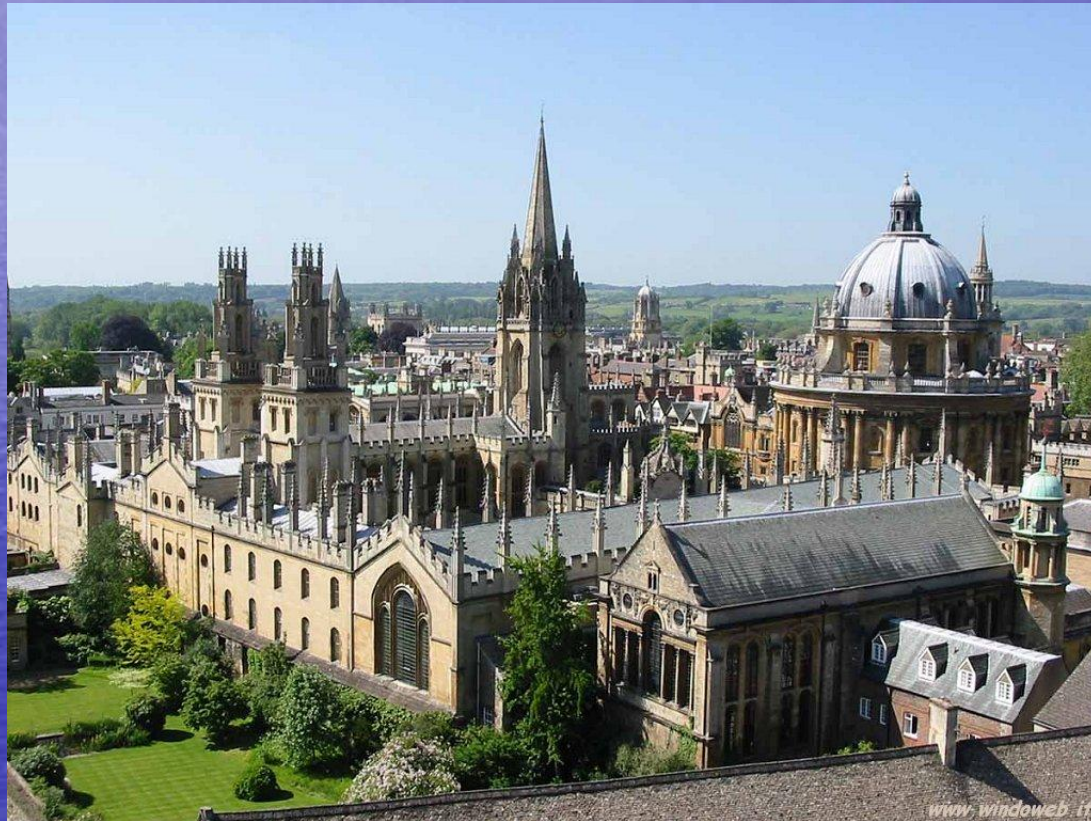
Russia



The Russian Federation



Great Britain



The United Kingdom



Exceptions:

- The Netherlands
- The Ukraine
- The Sudan
- The Vatican City

We do not use
articles with the
names of cities,
towns, villages.

MOSCOW



Saint Petersburg



Rome



Exceptions:

- The Hague

“The” is also used
with *of-phrases*,
e.g.

The city of Moscow



The city of Saint Petersburg



We do not use articles with the names of

- streets
- avenues
- highways
- squares

Sixth Avenue



Red Square



We do not use “the” with the names of languages when they are not followed by the word language

English

but

the English language