

10 Breathtaking Natural Wonders in the USA

Task 1. Read the texts and fill in **a/the** articles where necessary

1: Denali (Mount McKinley), Alaska



___ Mount McKinley is ___ highest mountain of ___ United States. It is also known by ___ name Denali which means "The Great One". It has two important summits, one is ___ south summit and ___ other is ___ north summit. ___ South Summit is ___ tallest one, while ___ North Summit has ___ elevation of 19,470 feet (5,934 m). ___ Mount McKinley is visited by ___ millions of tourists each year for hiking, and to arrange ___ camps.

2: Grand Canyon, Arizona



___ Grand Canyon is one of ___ most beautiful landscapes on ___ Earth. It is considered one, among ___ seven natural wonders of ___ world and ___ most astonishing landmark in ___ Arizona. Every year more than five million visitors come to ___ South Rim to enjoy ___ beauty of nature whereas North Rim is ___ remote place which mostly covered with ___ snow and closed during winters.

3: Yosemite Falls, Yosemite National Park, California



___ Yosemite falls is the highest waterfall in ___ North America. It is located in ___ Yosemite National Park of ___ California. It is ___ 6th highest waterfall in the world. ___ Yosemite Falls actually consists of ___ three separate falls ___ thing which makes it attractive and natural wonder is its beauty and ___ way it is created by ___ God.

4: Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado



___ Rocky Mountain National Park is located in ___ north central region of Colorado. It consists of ___ beautiful mountains, forests, many types of animals and ___ soothing environment. This is ___ very attractive park which attracts thousands of tourists all around ___ world.

5: John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Florida



___ John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park is located in ___ Florida and is ___ first underwater park in ___ United States. ___ main attraction of ___ park is ___ presence of ___ beautiful coral reefs.

This park is close to ___ aquatic life and is famous for its marine beauty; each year millions of tourists come here to see and enjoy ___ beauty of coral reefs with ___ glass bottom

boat.

8: Mammoth Cave, Kentucky



It is also known as ___ Mammoth Cave National Park; established in 1941. It is ___ beautiful cave which is considered as ___ longest cave system of the world.

___ park and its underground system of more than 560 surveyed km of passageways are habitat to ___ varied flora and fauna, including ___ number of endangered species.

10: Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming



___ Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 by ___ U. S Congress and is located in ___ Wyoming. It is considered as ___ first national park in ___ world and one of ___ largest. This park is famous for its natural beauty, presence of ___ wildlife and its many geothermal features, especially 'Old Faithful Geyser', one of ___ most popular features in ___ park.

Articles in geographical names. Study the rules and use them filling in the gaps in the texts.

Definite article (THE) is used with:

- **countries** (names include words ***union, state, republic, kingdom, federation***: *the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Arab Emirates, the People's Republic of China,*
- **countries (name is in plural)**: *the Philippines, the Netherlands*
- **oceans**: *the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean*
- **straits**: *the Strait of Dover, the Bosphorus*
- **seas**: *the Black Sea*
- **rivers**: *the Thames*
- **waterfalls (a cascade of several waterfalls)**
- **gulfs, harbours, bays** (if the name contains **preposition of**): *the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of Finland, the Gulf of Aden*

BUT! In other cases no article is used: *Persian Gulf, Hudson Bay*

- **groups of islands**: *the Canaries*
- **plains, valleys, deserts**: *the Great Plains, the Mississippi Valley*
- **plateaus, canyons**: *the Colorado Plateau,*

No article is used with:

- **names of most countries**: *Japan, France, Ukraine*
- **continents and geographical areas**: *Europe*
- **regions**: *Western Europe, Central America, South Asia,*
- **states**: *Texas,*
- **individual mountains**: *Kilimanjaro,*
- **individual islands**: *Sicily, Malta*
- **individual waterfalls**: *Victoria Falls,*
- **national parks**: *Yellowstone National Park*