

LES PAYS

COUNTRIES

PREPOSITIONS BEFORE COUNTRIES

In French,

before almost any types of nouns, you **MUST** put an **article** or a **determiner**.

Ex : **Un** chat_ / **Une** chatte.

The same rule applies to **countries names** :

TYPE OF COUNTRY	PREPOSITION	EXAMPLE
MASCULINE COUNTRY	Le + Country Name	Le Japon (Japan)
FEMININE COUNTRY	La + Country Name	La France (France)
PLURAL COUNTRY	Les + Country Name	Les Etats-Unis (United States)
COUNTRY Starting with a vowel	L' + Country Name	L' Angleterre (England)

MASCULIN COUNTRIES

COUNTRY NAME	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
Le Japon	[le ja pon]	Japan
Le Brésil	[le bré zi l]	Brazil
Le Portugal	[le pô r tu gal]	Portugal
Le Vietnam	[le vi è t na m]	Vietnam
Le Canada	[le ka na da]	Canada

FEMININ COUNTRIES

COUNTRY NAME	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
La France	[la fran s]	France
La Chine	[la chi n]	China
La Russie	[la ru si]	Russia
La Corée du Sud	[la ko ré du su d]	South Korea
La Hollande	[la o lan d]	Holland
La Thaïlande	[la ta i lan d]	Thailand

COUNTRY	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
La Malaisie	[la ma lè zi]	Malaysia
La Suisse	[la sui s]	Switzerland
La Belgique	[la bè l ji k]	Belgium

PLURIEL COUNTRIES		
COUNTRY	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
Les Etats-Unis	[lé zé ta zu ni]	United States

PARTICULAR CASE		
When a country name started with a vowel (a e i o u y (h)), Then « Le / La » turn into « L' »		
COUNTRY	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
L'Espagne	[lè s pa gn]	Spain
L'Italie	[li ta li]	Italy
L'Allemagne	[la le ma gn]	Germany



PARTICULAR CASE

COUNTRY	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
L'Australie	[los tra li]	Australia
L'Angleterre	[lan gle tè r]	England
L'Irlande	[li r lan d]	Ireland
L'Indonésie	[lun do né zi]	Indonesia
L'Argentine	[la r jan ti n]	Argentina