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Where in the World Did They Get Their Names? 802

The Six-Minute Solution, Sopris West

Places all over the world have unusual names. The stories behind how they got **(their)** names are sometimes funny, descriptive, and **(strange)**. For example, centuries ago, the owner **(of)** Blarney Castle in Ireland talked an **(enemy)** out of attacking his castle by **(using)** clever words and flattery. People who **(are)** clever with words, know how to **(flatter)** others, and talk their way out **(of)** trouble are said to have kissed **(the)** Blarney Stone. Today, tourists come from **(all)** over the world to kiss the **(Blarney)** Stone and get the gift of **(gab)**!

The Amazon River is another example **(of)** an interesting name origin. The Amazon, **(in)** South America, is the world's **(second-longest)** river. Spanish explorers discovered the river. **(South)** American natives, wearing tall headdresses and **(grass)** skirts, attacked them. The natives reminded **(the)** Spanish of the Greek legend about **(tall)** women warriors. These women warriors were **(called)** Amazons, so the explorers named the **(river)** the Amazon.

The Pacific Ocean was **(named)** by a Spanish explorer named Magellan. **(Magellan)** found the ocean to be very **(peaceful)**. So he named it the Pacific **(Ocean)** after the Spanish word for "peaceful." **(IT)** is ironic because the Pacific Ocean **(is)** probably the stormiest ocean. Magellan must **(have)** been lucky enough to sail when **(the)** ocean was calm.



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