



Definite

&



Indefinite

articles





the

with

place names

the

we use **the** with names
of:

- newspapers (**the Guardian, the Sun**)
- cinemas (**the Odeon, the Rex**)
- theatres (**the Empire**)
- museums / art galleries (**the Louvre**)
- ships (**the Titanic**)
- organisations (**the United Nations**)
- rivers (**the Thames**)
- oceans / seas (**the Atlantic, the Mediterranean Sea**)
- canals (**the Panama Canal**)
- groups of Islands (**the Bahamas**)



the

- mountain ranges (**the Alps**)
- deserts (**the Sahara Desert**)
- countries when they include **as**

States, Kingdom, Republic (the USA)

- names or nouns with **of** (**the Houses of Parliament**)

- geographical terms such as:

the Antarctic / Arctic / equator
the North of Germany BUT

northern Germany

the North / East / South / West



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we don't use **the** with names

of:

- countries which **don't include** words **States, Kingdom,**

- Republic (Germany, India, China) BUT the Netherlands,**

- the Gambia, the Vatican**

- streets (**Bond Street, Penny Lane, Oxford Street**)

- squares (**Trafalgar Square**)

- bridges (**London Bridge BUT the Golden Gate Bridge**)

- parks (**Hyde Park**)

- railway stations (**Euston, King's Cross**)

- mountains (**Mount Everest, Mont Blanc**)



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- lakes (**Lake Baikal, Ontario**)
 - continents (**Europe**)
 - restaurants, shops, banks, hotels, etc.
- Which are named after
the people who started them (**Harrods,**
Tony's Restaurant)
- cities, towns (**London, Paris, Manchester**)





a / an

indefinite

articles

a / an

we use a / an

- when we mention something for the first time

(I have got a pencil.)

- with **There is a ... / Is there a ...**
?

(**There is a shop. / Is there
bank near here?**)

A + consonant (spoluhláska)

AN + vowel (samohláska)



the definite article



the

we use **the**

- when we mention something again
(Bill owns a car and a bike. **The car** is blue and **the bike** is red.)
- nouns that are unique (**the sun, the Earth**)
- with superlatives (**the best** film I have ever seen)

BUT

most + a noun – without THE

- (**most people** enjoy going to the theatre)
- with ordinal numbers (**the first, the third, the twelfth**)
 - with words **day, morning, afternoon, evening**



the

we use the

- musical instruments and dances (**the guitar, the salsa**)
- names of families (**the Jones, the Smiths**)
- titles (**the ambassador, the President**)

BUT

- not with titles including a proper name (**Prince Charles**)
- nationalities ending in **-sh, -ch, -ese** (**the Chinese**)
- other nationalities can be used **with** or **without the** (**the Egyptians / Egyptians**)



the

we use the

- with **station, cinema, theatre, library, shop, coast, sea (side), beach, city, country (side), jungle, world, ground, weather** (They went to **the cinema.**)



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we don't use **the**

- with proper names (**Bob** is my cousin.)
- with uncountable and plural nouns when talking about something in general (**Coffee** is a very popular drink.)
- with possessive adjectives and possessive case (**Nelson's Column**)
- with names of **sports, games, activities, days, months, celebrations, colours, drinks, meals** (They are leaving on **Sunday**.)
- languages not followed by the word language
Italian, French, English



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we don't use **the**

- with names of illnesses (**pneumonia**)

BUT

**flu / the flu, measles / the measles,
mumps / the mumps**

- **Mr, Mrs, Captain, Doctor etc. + a name**
(**Mr Johnson, Uncle Robert, Aunt Jane,
Princess Anne etc.**)

- with the word **work** (I start work by 9
o'clock.)

- with words **home, mother, father**, etc. when
we talk about our

own home / parents

- with **by + means of transport** (**by bus / ferry**)

