

A Names without **the**

We do not use **the** with names of most city streets/roads/squares/parks etc.:

Union **Street** (not the ...)
Queens **Road**

Fifth **Avenue**

Broadway

Hyde **Park**

Times **Square**

Names of important public buildings and institutions (for example, airports, stations, universities) are often two words:

Manchester **Airport**

Harvard **University**

The first word is the name of a place ('Manchester') or a person ('Harvard'). These names are usually without **the**. In the same way, we say:

Victoria **Station** (not the ...)

Canterbury **Cathedral**

Edinburgh **Castle**

Buckingham **Palace**

Cambridge **University**

Sydney **Harbour**

Compare:

Buckingham Palace (not the ...) but **the Royal Palace**
(*'Royal' is an adjective - it is not a name like 'Buckingham'.*)

B Most other buildings have names with **the**. For example:

hotels

the Sheraton Hotel, **the** Holiday Inn

theatres/cinemas

the Palace Theatre, **the** Odeon (cinema)

museums/galleries

the Guggenheim Museum, **the** National Gallery

other buildings

the Empire State (Building), **the** White House, **the** Eiffel Tower

We often leave out the noun:

the Sheraton (Hotel)

the Palace (Theatre)

the Guggenheim (Museum)

Some names are only **the** + noun, for example:

the Acropolis

the Kremlin

the Pentagon

C Names with **of** usually have **the**. For example:

the Bank **of** England

the Museum **of** Modern Art

the Great Wall **of** China

the Tower **of** London

Note that we say:

the University **of** Cambridge but **Cambridge University** (without **the**)

D Many shops, restaurants, hotels, banks etc. are named after people. These names end in **-s** or **-s**.

We do not use **the** with these names:

McDonald's (not the ...)

Barclays (bank)

Joe's Diner (restaurant)

Macy's (department store)

Churches are often named after saints (St = Saint):

St John's Church (not the St John's Church)

St Patrick's Cathedral

E Most newspapers and many organisations have names with **the**:

newspapers

the Washington Post, **the** Financial Times, **the** Sun

organisations

the European Union, **the** BBC, **the** Red Cross

Names of companies, airlines etc. are usually without **the**:

Fiat (not the Fiat)

Sony

Singapore Airlines

Kodak

IBM

Yale University Press

Exercises

- 78.1 Use the map to answer the questions. Write the name of the place and the street it is in. Use **the** if necessary. (Remember that on maps we do not normally use **the**.)



- Is there a cinema near here?
 - Is there a supermarket near here?
 - Is there a hotel near here?
 - Is there a church near here?
 - Is there a museum near here?
 - Is there a bookshop near here?
 - Is there a restaurant near here?
 - Is there a park near here?
- Yes, the Odeon in Market Street.
- Yes, _____ in _____
- Yes, _____ in _____
- Yes, _____ in _____
- Yes, _____ in _____
- Yes, _____ in _____
- Yes, _____ in _____
- Yes, _____ in _____ at the end of _____

- 78.2 Where are the following? Use **the** where necessary.

Acropolis	Broadway	Buckingham Palace	Eiffel Tower
Kremlin	White House	Gatwick Airport	Times Square
1 Times Square	is in New York.	5 _____	is in Moscow.
2 _____	is in Paris.	6 _____	is in New York.
3 _____	is in London.	7 _____	is in Athens.
4 _____	is in Washington.	8 _____	is near London.

- 78.3 Choose the correct form, with or without **the**.

- Have you ever been to British Museum / the British Museum? (*the British Museum is correct*)
- The biggest park in New York is Central Park / the Central Park.
- My favourite park in London is St James's Park / the St James's Park.
- Imperial Hotel / The Imperial Hotel is in Baker Street / the Baker Street.
- Dublin Airport / The Dublin Airport is situated about 12 kilometres from the city centre.
- Jack is a student at Liverpool University / the Liverpool University.
- If you're looking for a department store, I would recommend Harrison's / the Harrison's.
- If you're looking for a hotel, I would recommend Park Plaza / the Park Plaza.
- Statue of Liberty / The Statue of Liberty is at the entrance to New York Harbour / the New York Harbour.
- You should go to Science Museum / the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- Andy works for IBM / the IBM now. He used to work for British Telecom / the British Telecom.
- 'Which cinema are you going to this evening?' 'Classic / The Classic'.
- I'd like to go to China and see Great Wall / the Great Wall.
- 'Which newspaper do you want?' 'Times / The Times'.
- This book is published by Cambridge University Press / the Cambridge University Press.
- 'What's that building?' 'It's College of Art / the College of Art'.

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