

Names with and without **the** 2

A

Names without **the**We do not use **the** with names of most city streets/roads/squares/parks etc. :

Inn Street (not the ...)	Fifth Avenue	Hyde Park
Queens Road	Broadway	Times Square

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

Manchester Airport	Harvard University
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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)
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Some names are only **the** + noun, for example:

the Acropolis	the Kremlin	the Pentagon
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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 **-er**.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
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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

Unit
78

- 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**.)



- 1 Is there a cinema near here?
- 2 Is there a supermarket near here?
- 3 Is there a hotel near here?
- 4 Is there a church near here?
- 5 Is there a museum near here?
- 6 Is there a bookshop near here?
- 7 Is there a restaurant near here?
- 8 Is there a park near here?

Yes, the Odeon in Market Street

Yes, _____ in _____

Yes, _____ in _____

Yes, _____ in _____

Yes, _____ in _____

Yes, _____ in _____

Yes, _____ 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**.

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