

11C definite article

1 the

Can you close **the window**, please?
Can you check their address on **the internet**?
It's **the best** restaurant I know.

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2 no article

Men are usually more interested in sport than **women**.
She's **my mother's cousin**. That's **Tom's chair**!
What time did you **have breakfast**?
Jim goes **to school by bus**.
Karen's studying physics **at university**.

🔍 a / an or the?

We often use **a** the first time we mention a person or thing. The next time we use **the** because it is now clear what we are talking about, e.g. *Let's have **a** pizza. **The** pizzas are very good here.*

1 We use **the**:

- when it is clear what we are talking about, e.g. *Close **the window**.* = the window that is open.
- when there is only one of something, e.g. *the internet, the sun, etc.*
- before superlative adjectives, e.g. *the biggest, the best, etc.*

2 We don't usually use **the**:

- when we talk about people or things in general. *Men* are more interested in sport than **women**. (general)
BUT *The women* in this class work harder than **the men**. (specific)
- before possessive 's. *She's my mother's cousin.* **NOT** *She's the my mother's cousin.*
- with:
 - meals:** *have breakfast, lunch, dinner, etc.*
 - by + transport:** *go by car, travel by train, etc.*
 - general places:** *work, school, university, bed, home.*

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a Circle the correct word or phrase.

How much time do you spend on **internet / the internet**?

- 1 My brother is at **university / at the university** studying maths.
- 2 I love travelling **by train / by the train**.
- 3 We're going to visit my aunt **at weekend / at the weekend**.
- 4 Let's stay **at home / at the home** tonight. I don't want to go out.
- 5 I love reading **novels / the novels**.
- 6 Yolanda is **best / the best** student in our class.
- 7 I love clear nights when you can see **moon / the moon**.
- 8 That's **the man / a man** I told you about yesterday.
- 9 Can you open **a door / the door** for me, please?
- 10 He had **breakfast / the breakfast** late this morning.

b Complete with **the** or **-**.

It's the longest river in **the** world.

- 1 What time do you finish **the** work?
- 2 I don't like **the** people who talk loudly in the cinema.
- 3 **the** children behaved very badly yesterday.
- 4 Lorena doesn't like **the** dogs.
- 5 Where do you usually have **the** lunch during the week?
- 6 **the** sun came out so we went for a walk.
- 7 Can you pass **the** salt, please?
- 8 My brother chose **the** most expensive ice cream.
- 9 Last year we went on holiday **by the** car.
- 10 Is James in **the** office today? He wasn't in yesterday.

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