

CHAPTER 2: ARTICLES

LESSON 9: DEFINITE ARTICLE

DEFINITE ARTICLE “THE”		
CONTENT	RULE	EXAMPLE
Specific nouns	Used before nouns that are already known	The cat in our neighborhood is so friendly
Unique nouns	Used before nouns that are unique	We are visiting the Eiffel Tower in Paris
Nouns previously mentioned	Used before a noun is repeated .	I see a big car . The car is parked on the street.
Nouns presenting a whole group	Used before nouns referring to a general category	The lion is known as the king of the jungle
Oceans, seas, rivers, mountain ranges, deserts	Used before the names of specific geographical features NOTE: - There are exceptions when using “the” with geographical names ending in “s” Ex: The Alps , the United States , The Netherlands	- The Nile River flows through Egypt - Many people dream of visiting the Mediterranean Sea - The Himalayas are the highest mountain range in the world - The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in North America.
Superlatives	Used before superlative adjectives	This is the best pizza in our town.
Ordinal numbers	Used before ordinal numbers	The third book on the shelf is my favorite
Musical instruments	Used before the names of musical instruments	She plays the piano beautifully



PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Put “the” or “ - ” into the following sentences:

1. I had ___ fish and ___ chips for dinner.
2. Can you pass ___ second book, please?
3. We are going to visit ___ Great Wall in China.
4. Let's go to ___ movies this weekend.
5. ___ Tigers are endangered species.
6. I want to learn to play ___ guitar.
7. My family goes to ___ beach every summer.
8. Do you know where ___ library is?
9. I ride a bike. ___ bike is green.
10. Did you play ___ game I gave you.
11. Lisa was born in ___ 1956.
12. He was ___ tallest man I ever knew.
13. Have you got ___ bike fixed yet?
14. I'd like to live in ___ Moon.
15. There is no life in ___ Mars.
16. Cows don't live in ___ Artic
17. ___ apples are very healthy.
18. I always go to ___ school by bus.
19. I like to play ___ basketball everyday.
20. I love watching ___ stars in the sky.



Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer:

1. ___ tennis is a difficult game for me.
a) The b) ---
2. My first school was on ___ Tree Street.
a) The b) ---
3. Wolves are the ancestors of ___ dogs.
a) The b) ---
4. ___ Eiffel Tower is in Paris.
a) The b) ---
5. I parked the car next to ___ church.
a) The b) ---
6. She was not at ___ home when I called.
a) The b) ---
7. We went to London two ___ days ago.
a) The b) ---
8. She's ___ fastest runner in her class.
a) The b) ---
9. This book is ___ most interesting one on the topic.
a) The b) ---
10. They have not eaten meat in ___ last two days.
a) The b) ---



11. ___ Pacific Ocean has many different types of fish.

a) The b) ---

12. I love swimming in ___ Mediterranean.

a) The b) ---

13. Everest is ___ highest mountain in the world.

a) The b) ---

14. We spent our holiday on the shore of ___ Lake Windermere.

a) The b) ---

15. ___ Nile is a very beautiful river.

a) The b) ---

Exercise 3: Fill in the blanks

Lara and her family decided to go on ___ road trip during ___ summer vacation. They packed their bags, loaded up ___ car, and set off early in ___ morning. Their first destination was ___ mountains. They planned to hike to ___ top of ___ highest peak. After spending ___ day exploring ___ mountains, they drove to ___ beach where they enjoyed swimming in ___ clear water and building sandcastles. Finally, they visited ___ local zoo before heading back home.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct answers:



1. She's taking ____ guitar lessons.
a) the b) a c) no article
2. They live near ____ beautiful mountains.
a) the b) a c) no article
3. We saw ____ dolphins while sailing.
a) the b) a c) no article
4. We read about ____ pandas in the newspaper.
a) the b) a c) no article
5. They visited ____ museums in the city.
a) the b) a c) no article
6. They went on a safari and saw ____ elephants in their natural habitat.
a) the b) a c) no article
7. She's planning to study ____ languages in college.
a) the b) a c) no article
8. The Amazon and Nile are two of ____ longest rivers on Earth.
a) the b) a c) no article
9. They went to ____ Philipins on their honeymoon.
a) the b) a c) no article
10. ____ Azores are a group of islands in the Atlantic.
a) the b) a c) no article

