

## CHAPTER 2: ARTICLES

### LESSON 9: DEFINITE ARTICLE

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

