

When to use THE

Examples of using "the" correctly

- **"The cat is sleeping on the couch."**
Referring to a specific cat that is known to the speaker
- **"The moon is shining in the night sky."**
Referring to the unique celestial body in the sky
- **"The cats are playing in the garden."**
Referring to multiple cats
- **"I saw the movie last night."**
Referring to a specific movie that has been mentioned before
- **"The water is cold."**
Referring to water in a general sense

Rules for using the article "the"

- ✓ Use "the" when referring to a specific noun that is known to the speaker.
- ✓ Use "the" to refer to a noun that is unique or one of a kind.
- ✓ Use "the" to refer to a noun that is either singular or plural.
- ✓ Use "the" when referring to a noun that has been mentioned before.
- ✗ Do not use "the" with uncountable nouns, such as water, milk, or air.
- ✗ Do not use "the" with proper nouns, such as names.
- ✗ Do not use "the" with possessive nouns, such as my, your, or his.
- ✗ Do not use "the" with indefinite pronouns, such as someone or everyone.