

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. :

Union **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**

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)

Some names are only **the** + noun, for example:

the Acropolis    the Kremlin    the Pentagon

**C** 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 **-r**. 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 Johns Church)    St Patrick's Cathedral

**E** 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

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Exercises

**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? Yes, the Odeon in Market Street.

2 Is there a supermarket near here? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Is there a hotel near here? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Is there a church near here? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Is there a museum near here? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

6 Is there a bookshop near here? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Is there a restaurant near here? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

8 Is there a park near here? 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**.

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