Using the article – the Part One

The definite article the is the most frequent word in English. We use the definite article in front of a noun when we believe the listener/reader knows exactly what we are referring to

Read the sentences below.

Choose the correct article.

1. The cat, which was sitting on ..... windowsill, jumped down when it saw ..... bird.
2. ..... book that you lent me was very interesting.
3. ..... car, parked in front of the house, belongs to ..... neighbour.
4. ..... teacher, who is very kind, helped ..... student with ..... homework.
5. ..... cake, which was baked by ..... mother, was delicious.

Part 2: Why Do We Use "The"?

We use "the" to refer to something specific that both the speaker and listener know about.

Example: "The cat" means a particular cat that we both know.

Now answer the question about each sentence:

1. The dog, which was barking loudly, scared the children.

Why do we use "the" in the first sentence?

2. The tree that fell during the storm blocked the road.

What does "the" refer to in this second sentence?

3. The movie, which we watched last night, was very exciting.

How does "the" help us understand the third sentence better?

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4. The chair, placed in the corner, is very comfortable.

Why is “the” important in the fourth sentence?

5. The ball that he kicked went over the fence.

What specific thing is “the” referring to in the fifth sentence?

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