Geography & Articles. Use the definite article "the" with specific water bodies, mountain ranges, groups of islands, and collective or plural country names, while omitting "the" from most individual cities, countries, continents, and single mountains.

Use "the" ["the" required]:

- Oceans and seas: *the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea*
- Rivers: *the Nile, the Amazon, the Mississippi River*
- Deserts: *the Sahara, the Gobi, the Namib*
- Mountain ranges: *the Alps, the Himalayas, the Rockies*
- Groups of islands: *the Bahamas, the Philippines*
- Countries that are plural or contain collective words (states, kingdom, republic): the Netherlands, the United States, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates

Do NOT use "the" [no article]:

- Continents: *Asia, Africa, Europe, South America*
- Most countries: *France, Japan, Chile, Canada*
- Cities, towns, and villages: *Paris, Tokyo, London, Buenos Aires*
- Individual mountains and single peaks (with exceptions like *the Matterhorn*): *Mount Everest, Mount Fuji, Kilimanjaro*
- Individual lakes: *Lake Geneva, Lake Michigan, Lake Como*
- Counties, states, provinces, and regions: *California, Ontario, Tuscany*
- Individual islands: *Bali, Cuba, Santorini*

Practice.

1. Which of the following sentences uses the definite article 'the' correctly with a body of water?
   A) We sailed across Pacific Ocean last summer.
   B) We sailed across the Pacific Ocean last summer.
   C) We sailed across a Pacific Ocean last summer.
   D) We sailed across Pacifics Ocean last summer.

2. Complete the sentence: "They are planning to climb _____ this weekend."
   A) the Mount Everest
   B) a Mount Everest
   C) an Mount Everest
   D) Mount Everest

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3. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence: "We went snowboarding in _____."

A) the Alps

B) Alps

C) a Alps

D) Lake Alps

4. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

A) Nile is the longest river in Africa.

B) A Nile is the longest river in Africa.

C) The Nile is the longest river in Africa.

D) The River Niles is the longest river in Africa.

5. Which of the following geographical names should **not** have the article 'the' before it?

A) The Amazon River

B) Australia

C) The Himalayas

D) The Mediterranean Sea

6. Which country name requires the definite article 'the'?

A) Japan

B) Brazil

C) Canada

D) The Philippines

7. Choose the correct sentence:

A) We spent the weekend camping by Lake Superior.

B) We spent the weekend camping by the Lake Superior.

C) We spent the weekend camping by a Lake Superior.

D) We spent the weekend camping by Lakes Superior.

8. Which of the following is written with the correct use of 'the'?

A) Bahamas

B) A Bahamas

C) The Bahamas

D) Bahama Islands the

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9. Complete the sentence: "An expedition crossed _____ on camels."
   A) Sahara Desert
   B) The Sahara Desert
   C) A Sahara Desert
   D) Saharas Desert

10. Which statement uses the article 'the' correctly?
   A) She lives in United Kingdom.
   B) She lives in a United Kingdom.
   C) She lives in United Kingdoms.
   D) She lives in the United Kingdom.

Second Conditional. We use the second conditional in three main scenarios:

- **Hypothetical Present (Impossible Situations):** Talking about a current reality that cannot change right now.
    - *Example:* If I **spoke** Japanese, I **would move** to Tokyo. *(Reality: I don't speak Japanese, so I can't move there right now).*
- **Unlikely Future (Highly Improbable Situations):** Dreaming about things that are technically possible but very unlikely to happen.
    - *Example:* If I **met** the President, I **would ask** him a question. *(Reality: The chances of meeting the President are extremely low).*
- **Giving Advice:** Using the standard phrase *"If I were you..."* to put yourself in someone else's shoes.
    - *Example:* If I **were** you, I **would study** for the exam tonight.

A second conditional sentence consists of two clauses: the if-Clause (the condition) and the main clause (the result). The formula is:

If + past simple, [then] + would-future

example: ***If I won*** *the lottery,* ***I would buy*** *a house.*

You can flip the order of the clauses. If the "if" clause comes first, use a comma. If the "result" clause comes first, do not use a comma: *example: I would buy a house* ***if*** *I won the lottery.*

Practice.

1. If I _____ a million dollars, I would travel around the world.
   A) have
   B) had
   C) would have
   D) having

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2. If she knew the answer, she _____ us immediately.

A) will tell

B) tells

C) would tell

D) told

3. If I _____ you, I would accept the job offer.

A) were

B) was

C) am

D) be

4. If we had a car, we _____ drive to the beach instead of taking the bus.

A) can

B) will

C) must

D) could

5. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

A) If it would rain tomorrow, we would stay indoors.

B) If it rained tomorrow, we would stay indoors.

C) If it rains tomorrow, we will stay indoors.

D) If it rained tomorrow, we will stay indoors.

6. If I had more free time, I _____ start learning a new language, though I'm not sure yet.

A) will

B) should

C) might

D) must

7. What _____ if you saw a ghost in your room?

A) would you do

B) will you do

C) do you do

D) did you do

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8. If she _____ so busy all the time, she would spend more time with her family.

A) isn't

B) won't be

C) doesn't be

D) weren't

9. What is the true meaning of the sentence: "If I lived closer to the office, I would walk to work"?

A) I live close to the office, so I walk to work.

B) I don't live close to the office, so I don't walk to work.

C) I will probably move closer to the office soon.

D) I lived close to the office in the past, so I walked.

10. If he studied harder, he _____ fail his exams.

A) won't

B) didn't

C) wouldn't

D) hasn't

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