

## DEFINITE ARTICLE " THE "

**The** is used with both **singular** and **plural nouns** and with both **countable** and **uncountable nouns**. It is used before a **noun** to refer to the same persons or things which become definite because of being mentioned a second time:

There is a doctor and a nurse in **the** doctors' room.

**The** doctor is American and **the** nurse is English.

**The** is used to represent a class of persons with certain adjectives used as plural nouns:

**The poor:** People who are poor; poor people.

**The blind:** People who can't see; blind people.

**The** isn't used with nouns that are in a general sense.

Jewellery is expensive. (**All the jewellery**)

**The** is used:

- a. **before nouns which are acceptable as only one:**

You can see **the moon** when **the sky** is clear.

The sun rises in **the East** and sets in **the West**.

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- b. **before nouns that have already been mentioned:**

This is **the most interesting** book in the library.

James is **the best student** in their class.

I saw **a cat**. **The** cat has lovely eyes.

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- c. **before superlatives and ordinal numbers:**

February is **the second month** of the year.

The Amazon is **the longest river** in the world.

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- d. **before the names of cinemas, hotels, theatres, restaurants, clubs, taverns, and public places:**

**The Bergama Restaurant** serves delicious Turkish meals.

**The Grand Plaza** is a five-star hotel.

**The Çınar** is a big cinema.

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- e. **before the names of oceans, rivers, seas, groups of islands and chains of mountains, united countries, deserts, peninsulas, gulfs, canals,**

Adana is on **the Mediterranean Sea**.

**The Himalayas** are **the greatest mountain range in Asia**.

**Mount Ararat** is **the highest mountain** in Türkiye.

**The Gediz** river flows into **the Aegean Sea**.

The Gobi Desert -the United Arab Emirates

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- f. **before the political titles of countries:**

**The Republic of Türkiye** is very young.

Peter lives in **the United Kingdom**.

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- g. **before work of art and historical places:**

Have you ever visited **the Acropolis** in Pergamum?

Leonardo da Vinci painted **the Mona Lisa**.

Linda showed us **the Tower of London**.

**Examples of the Use of Articles**

*I do not want **a** gun in my house* (any gun).

***The** gun is in his closet* (implies there is a specific gun).

*I am afraid of guns* (all guns in general).

*She sent me **a** postcard from Italy* (an unspecific postcard - not a letter, not an e-mail).

*It's **the** postcard that I have in my office* (one specific postcard).

*Getting postcards makes me want to travel* (any postcard in general).

*I have **a** dog* (one dog).

***The** dog is very friendly* (the dog that I have already mentioned).

*Dogs make great pets* (dogs in general).

*Greta needs furniture in her apartment* (furniture is a noncount noun).

*She is going to select **the** furniture that she needs* (the specific furniture that she needs).

*She hopes to find **some** furniture this weekend* (an unspecified, limited amount of furniture).

*We are going to see **the** Statue of Liberty this weekend* (the only Statue of Liberty).

**DO NOT USE "THE" with;**

**-streets, parks , cities, states, countries ,continenets, bays, single lakes, single lakes, single mountains, islands**

**\*Japan \* Mount Ağrı \* Lake Van \* San Francisco Bay \*Atatürk Street**

A. Put in **the** where it is necessary.

1. There are two books on the table. Give me.....book on the left.
2. ....window of the room has been broken.
3. ....Germany and.....Italy are in Europe.
4. ....history of.....Türkiye is very interesting.
5. Mount Ararat is.....highest mountain in.....Türkiye.
6. ....aeroplane is in.....sky.
7. Atatürk Avenue is.....longest street in.....Ankara.
8. ....Alps are.....greatest mountain range in.....Europe.
9. Which is.....capital city of.....Spain? Paris or.....Madrid?
10. My wife's birthday is in.....first week of.....May?

**B. Fill in the blanks of the following sentences with the proper article (a, an-the) if necessary.**

1. İzmir is.....city on the coast.....city has a mild climate.
2. ....fifth Symphony is.....most famous work of Beethoven.
3. ....opposite of.....success is.....failure.
4. Larry Stone is.....new minister of health.
5. ....Harry's father is.....officer but unfortunately he isn't.....successful officer.
6. ....Pacific Ocean is between.....United States America and Japan.
7. She has got.....new bicycle.....girls in her class want to ride.....it.
8. ....Calcium is necessary for.....building of.....bone.
9. ....marriage of Mr. Dickens was just.....disaster.
10. Dick has got a flat and.....house.....flat is in Manisa, but..... house is in.....Balıkesir.
11. French and English are.....important languages.
12. ....films Jim dislikes most are about.....detectives
13. Mrs. Paddy wants to see.....Mr. Jaggers in.....his office.
14. ....Marconi was a very famous man.
15. Andrew has got.....house in.....country. ....house needs repairing.

**“ Love one another, but make not a bond of love.Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.”**

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