

CHAPTER 2: ARTICLES

LESSON 9: DEFINITE ARTICLE

DEFINITE ARTICLE "THE"		
CONTENT	RULE	EXAMPLE
Specific nouns	Used before nouns that are already known	The cat in our neighborhood is so friendly
Unique nouns	Used before nouns that are unique	We are visiting the Effel Tower in Paris
Nouns previously mentioned	Used before a noun is repeated .	I see a big car . The car is parked on the street.
Nouns presenting a whole group	Used before nouns referring to a general category	The lion is known as the king of the jungle
Oceans, seas, rivers, mountain ranges, deserts	Used before the names of specific geographical features NOTE: - There are exceptions when using "the" with geographical names ending in "s" Ex: The Alps, the United States, The Netherlands	- The Nile River flows through Egypt - Many people dream of visiting the Mediterranean Sea - The Himalayas are the highest mountain range in the world - The Sahara Desert is the largest hot deseart in North America.
Superlatives	Used before superlative adjectives	This is the best pizza in our town.
Ordinal numbers	Used before ordinal numbers	The third book on the shelf is my favorite
Musical instruments	Used before the names of musical instruments	She plays the piano beautifully



PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Put “the” or “ - ” into the following sentences:

1. I had ____ fish and ____ chips for dinner.
2. Can you pass ____ second book, please?
3. We are going to visit ____ Great Wall in China.
4. Let's go to ____ movies this weekend.
5. ____ Tigers are endangered species.
6. I want to learn to play ____ guitar.
7. My family goes to ____ beach every summer.
8. Do you know where ____ library is?
9. I ride a bike. ____ bike is green.
10. Did you play ____ game I gave you.
11. Lisa was born in ____ 1956.
12. He was ____ tallest man I ever knew.
13. Have you got ____ bike fixed yet?
14. I'd like to live in ____ Moon.
15. There is no life in ____ Mars.
16. Cows don't live in ____ Artic
17. ____ apples are very healthy.
18. I always go to ____ school by bus.
19. I like to play ____ basketball everyday.
20. I love watching ____ stars in the sky.



Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer:

1. ____ tennis is a difficult game for me.
a) The b) ---
2. My first school was on ____ Tree Street.
a) The b) ---
3. Wolves are the ancestors of ____ dogs.
a) The b) ---
4. ____ Eiffel Tower is in Paris.
a) The b) ---
5. I parked the car next to ____ church.
a) The b) ---
6. She was not at ____ home when I called.
a) The b) ---
7. We went to London two ____ days ago.
a) The b) ---
8. She's ____ fastest runner in her class.
a) The b) ---
9. This book is ____ most interesting one on the topic.
a) The b) ---
10. They have not eaten meat in ____ last two days.
a) The b) ---



11. ____ Pacific Ocean has many different types of fish.

- a) The b) ---

12. I love swimming in ____ Mediterranean.

- a) The b) ---

13. Everest is ____ highest mountain in the world.

- a) The b) ---

14. We spent our holiday on the shore of ____ Lake Windermere.

- a) The b) ---

15. ____ Nile is a very beautiful river.

- a) The b) ---

Exercise 3: Fill in the blanks

Lara and her family decided to go on ____ road trip during ____ summer vacation. They packed their bags, loaded up ____ car, and set off early in ____ morning. Their first destination was ____ mountains. They planned to hike to ____ top of ____ highest peak. After spending ____ day exploring ____ mountains, they drove to ____ beach where they enjoyed swimming in ____ clear water and building sandcastles. Finally, they visited ____ local zoo before heading back home.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct answers:



1. She's taking ____ guitar lessons.
a) the b) a c) no article
2. They live near ____ beautiful mountains.
a) the b) a c) no article
3. We saw ____ dolphins while sailing.
a) the b) a c) no article
4. We read about ____ pandas in the newspaper.
a) the b) a c) no article
5. They visited ____ museums in the city.
a) the b) a c) no article
6. They went on a safari and saw ____ elephants in their natural habitat.
a) the b) a c) no article
7. She's planning to study ____ languages in college.
a) the b) a c) no article
8. The Amazon and Nile are two of ____ longest rivers on Earth.
a) the b) a c) no article
9. They went to ____ Philipins on their honeymoon.
a) the b) a c) no article
10. ____ Azores are a group of islands in the Atlantic.
a) the b) a c) no article

