# 9 Nouns / Word Formation / Articles

**We use *the*:**

- **with nouns which are unique. *the*** *moon,* ***the*** *Acropolis,* ***the*** *earth,* ***the*** *sun,* ***the*** *Eiffel Tower, etc.*
- **names of cinemas** ***(The*** *Odeon)*, **hotels** ***(The*** *Ritz)*, **theatres** ***(The*** *Lyceum)*, **museums** ***(The*** *Louvre)*, **newspapers/magazines** ***(The*** *Telegraph* **BUT** *Newsweek)*, **ships** ***(The*** *Bounty)*, **organisations** ***(The*** *UN)*, **galleries** ***(The*** *National Gallery).*
- **with names of rivers** ***(the*** *Mississippi)*, **seas** ***(the*** *Red Sea)*, **groups of islands/states** ***(the*** *Virgin Islands,* ***the*** *USA)*, **mountain ranges** ***(the*** *Alps)*, **deserts** ***(the*** *Gobi desert)*, **oceans** ***(the*** *Pacific)*, **canals** ***(the*** *Panama Canal)* **and names or nouns with *'of'*** ***(the*** *Tomb of the Kings,* ***the*** *Garden of Eden)*
  **Note: *the*** *equator,* ***the*** *North/South Pole,* ***the*** *north of England,* ***the*** *South/West/North/East*
- **with the names of musical instruments and dances. *the*** *guitar,* ***the*** *waltz*
- **with the names of families** ***(the*** *Simpsons)*, **nationalities ending in -sh, -ch or -ese** ***(the*** *Welsh,* ***the*** *Dutch,* ***the*** *Chinese, etc.).* **Other plural nationalities are used with or without 'the'** *((the) South Africans, (the) Swiss, etc.).*
- **with titles** ***(the*** *Pope,* ***the*** *Duke of Norfolk,* ***the*** *Queen).* **BUT *'The'* is omitted before titles with proper names.** *Queen Alexandra*
- **with adjectives used as plural nouns** ***(the*** *old,* ***the*** *injured,* ***the*** *unemployed,* ***the*** *sick,* ***the*** *privileged,* ***the*** *deaf, etc.)* **and the superlative degree of adjectives/adverbs** ***(the*** *worst).*
  *She's* ***the*** *most sensible girl in the class.*
  **Note: *'most'* used as a determiner followed by a noun does not take *'the'*. *Most*** *children like animals.* **BUT** *Of all European cities Rome has* ***the most*** *beautiful fountains.*
- **with the words: *station*, *shop*, *cinema*, *café*, *library*, *city*, *village*, etc.** *She went to* ***the library*** *to return some books.*
- **with the words: *morning*, *afternoon*, *evening*, *night*.**
  *I'll be at work in* ***the*** *morning.* **BUT at night, at noon, at midnight, by day/night, at 4 o'clock, etc.**
- **with historical references/events. *the*** *French Revolution,* ***the*** *Dark Ages,* ***the*** *Thirty Years' War* **BUT** *World War I)*
- **with the words: *only*, *last*, *first* (used as adjectives).** *He was* ***the only*** *person to disagree.*

**We do not use *the*:**

- **with proper nouns.** *Paul comes from* ***London.***
- **with the names of sports, games, activities, days, months, holidays, colours, drinks, meals and languages (not followed by the word 'language').** *She plays tennis well. She likes blue. We speak French.* **BUT *The Latin language*** *is hardly used now.*
- **with the names of countries** *(Portugal)*, **BUT** *the Netherlands, (the) Sudan, (the) Vatican City,* **cities** *(Lisbon)*, **streets** *(Regent Street,* **BUT** *the High Street, the Strand, the Bristol road, the A4, the M1 motorway),* **squares** *(Constitution Square),* **bridges** *(London Bridge* **BUT** *the Bridge of Sighs, the Forth Bridge, the Severn Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge),* **parks** *(Regent's Park),* **stations** *(Waterloo Station),* **individual mountains** *(Everest),* **islands** *(Malta),* **lakes** *(Lake Ontario),* **continents** *(Asia)*
- **with possessive adjectives.** *This isn't* ***your*** *bag.*
- **two-word names when the first word is the name of a person or place.** *Charles de Gaulle Airport, Buckingham Palace* **BUT** *the White House, (because the first word 'White' is not the name of a person or place)*
- **with names of cafés, restaurants, shops, banks and hotels which have the name of their founder and end in -s or -'s.** *Selfridges, Barclays Bank, Harry's Café* **BUT** *the Black Swan (restaurant) (because 'Black Swan' is not a name of a person or place)*
- **with the words: *bed*, *church*, *college*, *court*, *hospital*, *prison*, *school*, *university*, when we refer to the purpose for which they exist.**
  *John went to university.* (He is a student.) **BUT** *His mother went to* ***the university*** *to see him last week. (She went to the university as a visitor.)*
- **work (=place of work) never takes 'the'.**
  *She is at* ***work.***
- **with the words: *home*, *Father*/*Mother* when we talk about our own home/parents.**
  ***Mother*** *is at* ***home.***
- **with by + means of transport: *by bus*/*by car*/*by train*/*by plane*, etc BUT *in the car*, *on the bus*/*train*, etc.** *He travelled* ***by train.*** **BUT**
  *He left* ***on the 6 o'clock train*** *yesterday.*
- **with the names of illnesses.** *He's got* ***diabetes.*** **BUT *flu*/*the flu*, *measles*/*the measles*, *mumps*/*the mumps*.**



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## 22 Fill in *the* where necessary and answer the questions, as in the example.




1 Is – Rome *the* capital of – Italy?
(A) Yes B No

2 Is ..... Sicily in ..... Mediterranean Sea?
A Yes B No

3 Is ..... Lake Garda ..... largest lake in ..... Italy?
A Yes B No

4 Where are ..... Alps?
A In ..... central Italy
B In ..... northern Italy.

5 Which ancient language does ..... Italian language come from?
A Latin B Greek

6 Does ..... Pope live in ..... Vatican City?
A Yes B No

7 Is ..... Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Milan?
A Yes B No

8 Is ..... Bridge of Sighs in ..... Venice?
A Yes B No

9 Which famous landmark can you see on ..... Italian five cent euro coin?
A the Colosseum B the Trevi Fountain

10 ..... Tarantella is a famous dance from ..... south of Italy.
A True B False

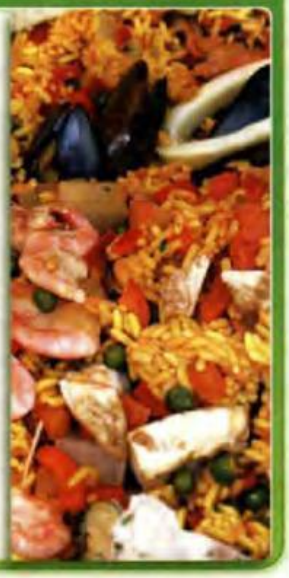
## 23 Fill in the gaps with *the* and one of the adjectives from the list.

• deaf • unemployed • disabled • privileged • young • injured

1 After the fire, *the injured* were taken to hospital by ambulance.
2 The government promised that it would try to find jobs for ..... .
3 Jack is one of ..... few who have been given a company car.
4 The new town hall has been designed to give wheelchair access for ..... .
5 Sign language is used by ..... to help them communicate.
6 ..... often know far more about computers than their parents.

## 24 Fill in *the* where necessary.

Dear Sarah,
How have you been? My family and I have just returned from a five-day holiday in 1) – Spain. It was great! We travelled by 2) ..... plane and arrived at 3) ..... airport in 4) ..... Madrid on 5) ..... Sunday. The next day we went sightseeing and visited 6) ..... Prado Museum and 7) ..... Escorial Palace where 8) ..... King of Spain lives. Of all European cities I think Madrid is 9) ..... most beautiful! We stayed there for 10) ..... two days and then spent three days touring some of 11) ..... Spanish islands. I liked 12) ..... Spanish people very much but I found it very difficult to understand 13) ..... language. I had taken 14) ..... Spanish lessons at school but most of 15) ..... locals spoke far too quickly! I really loved 16) ..... food though; especially 17) ..... paella, a dish made with seafood and rice. All in all, we had a fantastic holiday and we have decided to come back to Spain again 18) ..... next summer. Maybe you can come with us? All the best,
Kimberly





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## 25 Underline the correct item.

1 Peter likes to drink **coffee** / **the coffee** in the morning.
2 Jim enjoys listening to **radio** / **the radio** in the evenings.
3 **Teenagers** / **The teenagers** usually like playing video games.
4 I would love to travel to **Australia** / **the Australia**.
5 Roald Amundsen was the first person to reach **the South Pole**/**South Pole**.
6 James plays **basketball** / **the basketball** twice a week.
7 You cut **the cake** / **cake** and I'll pour **tea** / **the tea**.
8 **Children** / **The children** have gone to the playground.
9 **Life** / **The life** was very different 100 years ago.
10 Nathan is learning to play **violin** / **the violin**.
11 Look at **dogs** / **the dogs**! They are chasing a cat.
12 **Queen Victoria** / **The Queen Victoria** ruled for 63 years.

## 26 Fill in: *a*, *an* or *the* where necessary.

1 A: Did you see *the* rugby game on Saturday?
B: No, but I read about it. What ..... pity Australia lost!

2 A: Have you ever visited ..... Berlin?
B: Yes, I spent a weekend there last spring. We stayed at ..... Regent Hotel.

3 A: Is ..... blue bicycle yours?
B: Yes, it's ..... mine.

4 A: Do you know anything about ..... Malta?
B: Well, it's ..... island in ..... Mediterranean Sea, near ..... Italy.

5 A: How was your trip to ..... Cardiff?
B: It was great. ..... Welsh are such nice people.

6 A: Where were you this morning, Phil?
B: I was reading in ..... library.

7 A: Do you buy the paper everyday?
B: Not everyday; I get ..... *Telegraph* twice ..... week.

8 A: I read that ..... Duke of Kent visited ..... organic farm somewhere near ..... Durham.
B: Yes, I heard about that.

9 A: Stephanie speaks ..... German very well.
B: Yes, she studied it at ..... university.

10 A: Have you ever seen ..... live shark?
B: Yes. It was at ..... city aquarium last summer.

## 27 Underline the correct item.

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