Unit 78

# Names with and without **the** 2

**A** Names without **the**

We do not use **the** with names of most city streets/roads/squares/parks etc. :

Union **Street** (*not* the ...) Fifth **Avenue** Hyde **Park**
Queens **Road** **Broadway** Times **Square**

Names of important public buildings and institutions (for example, airports, stations, universities) are often two words:

**Manchester Airport** **Harvard University**

The first word is the name of a place ('Manchester') or a person ('Harvard'). These names are usually without **the**. In the same way, we say:

**Victoria Station** (*not* the ...) **Canterbury Cathedral** **Edinburgh Castle**
**Buckingham Palace** **Cambridge University** **Sydney Harbour**

Compare:

**Buckingham Palace** (*not* the ...) *but* **the Royal Palace**
('Royal' is an adjective – it is not a name like 'Buckingham'.)

**B** Most other buildings have names with **the**. For example:

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| *hotels* | **the** Sheraton Hotel, **the** Holiday Inn |
| *theatres/cinemas* | **the** Palace Theatre, **the** Odeon (cinema) |
| *museums/galleries* | **the** Guggenheim Museum, **the** National Gallery |
| *other buildings* | **the** Empire State (Building), **the** White House, **the** Eiffel Tower |

We often leave out the noun:

**the Sheraton** (Hotel) **the Palace** (Theatre) **the Guggenheim** (Museum)

Some names are only **the** + *noun*, for example:

**the Acropolis** **the Kremlin** **the Pentagon**

**C** Names with **of** usually have **the**. For example:

**the** Bank **of** England **the** Museum **of** Modern Art
**the** Great Wall **of** China **the** Tower **of** London

Note that we say:

**the** University **of** Cambridge *but* **Cambridge University** (*without* the)

**D** Many shops, restaurants, hotels, banks etc. are named after people. These names end in **-'s** or **-s**.
We do not use **the** with these names:

**McDonald's** (*not* the ...) **Barclays** (bank)
**Joe's Diner** (restaurant) **Macy's** (department store)

Churches are often named after saints (St = Saint):

**St John's Church** (*not* the St Johns Church) **St Patrick's Cathedral**

**E** Most newspapers and many organisations have names with **the**:

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| *newspapers* | **the** Washington Post, **the** Financial Times, **the** Sun |
| *organisations* | **the** European Union, **the** BBC, **the** Red Cross |

Names of companies, airlines etc. are usually without **the**:

**Fiat** (*not* the Fiat) **Sony** **Singapore Airlines**
**Kodak** **IBM** **Yale University Press**



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## Exercises



**78.1** Use the map to answer the questions. Write the name of the place and the street it is in. Use **the** if necessary. (Remember that on maps we do not normally use **the**.)

1 Is there a cinema near here? Yes, the Odeon in Market Street.
2 Is there a supermarket near here? Yes, ..... in .....
3 Is there a hotel near here? Yes, ..... in .....
4 Is there a church near here? Yes, ..... in .....
5 Is there a museum near here? Yes, ..... in .....
6 Is there a bookshop near here? Yes, ..... in .....
7 Is there a restaurant near here? Yes, ..... in .....
8 Is there a park near here? Yes, ..... at the end of .....

**78.2** Where are the following? Use **the** where necessary.

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| **Acropolis** | **Broadway** | **Buckingham Palace** | **Eiffel Tower** |
| **Kremlin** | **White House** | **Gatwick Airport** | ~~**Times Square**~~ |

1 Times Square is in New York.
2 ..... is in Paris.
3 ..... is in London.
4 ..... is in Washington.
5 ..... is in Moscow.
6 ..... is in New York.
7 ..... is in Athens.
8 ..... is near London.

**78.3** Choose the correct form, with or without **the**.

1 Have you ever been to ~~British Museum~~ / the British Museum? (the British Museum *is correct*)
2 The biggest park in New York is Central Park / the Central Park.
3 My favourite park in London is St James's Park / the St James's Park.
4 Imperial Hotel / The Imperial Hotel is in Baker Street / the Baker Street.
5 Dublin Airport / The Dublin Airport is situated about 12 kilometres from the city centre.
6 Jack is a student at Liverpool University / the Liverpool University.
7 If you're looking for a department store, I would recommend Harrison's / the Harrison's.
8 If you're looking for a hotel, I would recommend Park Plaza / the Park Plaza.
9 Statue of Liberty / The Statue of Liberty is at the entrance to New York Harbour / the New York Harbour.
10 You should go to Science Museum / the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
11 Andy works for IBM / the IBM now. He used to work for British Telecom / the British Telecom.
12 'Which cinema are you going to this evening?' 'Classic / The Classic.'
13 I'd like to go to China and see Great Wall / the Great Wall.
14 'Which newspaper do you want?' 'Times / The Times.'
15 This book is published by Cambridge University Press / the Cambridge University Press.
16 'What's that building?' 'It's College of Art / the College of Art.'

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