

ANames 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'.)

BMost other buildings have names with **the**. For example:

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** (Treasure) **the Guggenheim** (Museum)

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

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

CNames 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**)

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Many shops, restaurants, hotels, banks etc. are named after people. These names end in **-'s** or **-e**. 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**

EMost newspapers and many organisations have names with **the**:

newspapers	the Washington Post , the Financial Times , the Sun
organisations	the European Union , the UN , the Red Cross

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

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

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?
- 2 Is there a supermarket near here?
- 3 Is there a hotel near here?
- 4 Is there a church near here?
- 5 Is there a museum near here?
- 6 Is there a bookshop near here?
- 7 Is there a restaurant near here?
- 8 Is there a park near here?

Yes, the Odeon in Market Street
 Yes, in
 Yes, in
 Yes, in
 Yes, in
 Yes, in
 Yes, in
 Yes, at the end of

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

Acropolis
Kremlin

Broadway
White House

Buckingham Palace
Gatwick Airport

Eiffel Tower
Times Square

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