Articles + names

- **most place-names (for example continents, countries, states, lakes, mountains, towns, streets): ~~the~~**

*Barry's from **Texas**.* (NOT ~~*... the Texas.*~~)
Africa *Cuba* *Queensland* *Dublin* *Lake Geneva* *Mount Everest*
Wall Street *Piccadilly Circus* *Hyde Park* *Times Square*

Complete the sentences with words from the boxes.

Lake Superior	London	Oxford Street	Peru	Queensland ✓	Spanish	Uncle Eric

▶ Queensland is in Australia.
1 They speak ..... in .....
2 Here's a postcard from ..... He's been swimming in .....
3 ..... is in the centre of .....

Africa	France	Kilimanjaro	Napoleon	Switzerland

4 ..... was a very small man.
5 ..... is the highest mountain in .....
6 ..... is next to .....

NAMES WITH *THE*: SOME PLACES

- **deserts, rivers, seas and oceans** (but not lakes!): ***the***

***the** Sahara Desert* ***the** Thames* ***the** Rhine* ***the** Mediterranean* ***the** Atlantic*

- **plural names: *the***

***the** Netherlands* ***the** United States / **the** USA* ***the** Alps*

- **expressions with *Republic/Kingdom/etc*: *the***

***the** Czech Republic* ***the** United Kingdom*

- **large areas of the world: *the***

***the** West* ***the** Middle East* ***the** Far East*

Circle the correct answers.

▶ I once went on a boat on the *Rhine* / *Lake Victoria*.
▶ We're going to drive right across *Europe* / *Sahara Desert*.
1 Ann's just come back from the *Himalayas* / *Mount Everest*.
2 My sister works in *Netherlands* / *Denmark*.
3 I'd like to learn *Japanese* / *the Japanese*.
4 My parents are on holiday in the *South Africa* / *People's Republic of China*.
5 Here's a photo of Max in *USA* / *Trafalgar Square*.
6 Alan's living in a small town near the *Barcelona* / *Mediterranean*.
7 We have friends in *Ireland* / *Republic of Ireland*.
8 Wales is the smallest country in the *Great Britain* / *United Kingdom*.
9 There are a lot of Spanish-speaking people in the *USA* / *America*.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

BUILDINGS WITH *THE*

- **most names of buildings: *the***

the *Hilton Hotel* ***the*** *Old Mill Restaurant*
the *Globe Theatre* ***the*** *British Museum*
the *Eiffel Tower* ***the*** *Taj Mahal*
the *Great Pyramid*

EXCEPTIONS

- **place-name + *Airport, Station, Cathedral, University, Palace, Castle, School:* ~~*the*~~**

Oxford Airport *Glasgow Central Station*
Exeter Cathedral *Cambridge University*
Buckingham Palace *Didcot Junior School*

- **name + possessive *'s*: ~~*the*~~**

St Paul's Cathedral *McDonald's*

Put *the* before five of these buildings, and nothing (–) before three.

▶ the Taj Mahal ▶ ..... Halloran's Restaurant 1 ..... Old Steak House
2 ..... National Gallery of Modern Art 3 ..... Central Museum
4 ..... Birmingham Airport 5 ..... Sheraton Hotel 6 ..... New Theatre
7 ..... Jenner's Hotel 8 ..... Canterbury Cathedral

Put in *the* or nothing (–).

1 ..... American English 2 ..... Asia 3 ..... Blue Train Restaurant
4 ..... Dominican Republic 5 ..... Florida 6 ..... Gobi Desert
7 ..... Lake Michigan 8 ..... Metropolitan Museum 9 ..... Mississippi (River)
10 ..... Mount Kenya 11 ..... New York 12 ..... North Sea 13 ..... Paris
14 ..... Regent Street 15 ..... Rocky Mountains 16 ..... Trafalgar Square
17 ..... Egypt 18 ..... White House 19 ..... Whitehall Theatre 20 ..... Far East

Here is some information about a famous river. Put in **the** where necessary.

(1) The Amazon is in (2) ..... South America. It begins near (3) ..... west of the continent, 160 kms from (4) ..... Pacific Ocean. It starts in (5) ..... Andes in (6) ..... Peru and then it flows through (7) ..... Brazil and out into (8) ..... Atlantic.

Now read about London. Put in **the** where necessary before the names of the famous places.

Most people want to see where the Queen lives when they visit (9) ..... London, so (10) ..... Buckingham Palace is very popular. But I think the best thing to do is to take a boat trip on (11) ..... River Thames to see all the famous buildings. You can get on the boat at (12) ..... Westminster Bridge, near (13) ..... Houses of Parliament. If you go down the river to (14) ..... Tower of London, you will pass (15) ..... St Paul's Cathedral on the way. This is a very old and beautiful church, and my favourite building.
As a change from sightseeing, you could go shopping along (16) ..... Oxford Street, or maybe if you like animals, go to (17) ..... London Zoo.
There's a lot to do and see in the capital. Come and see!

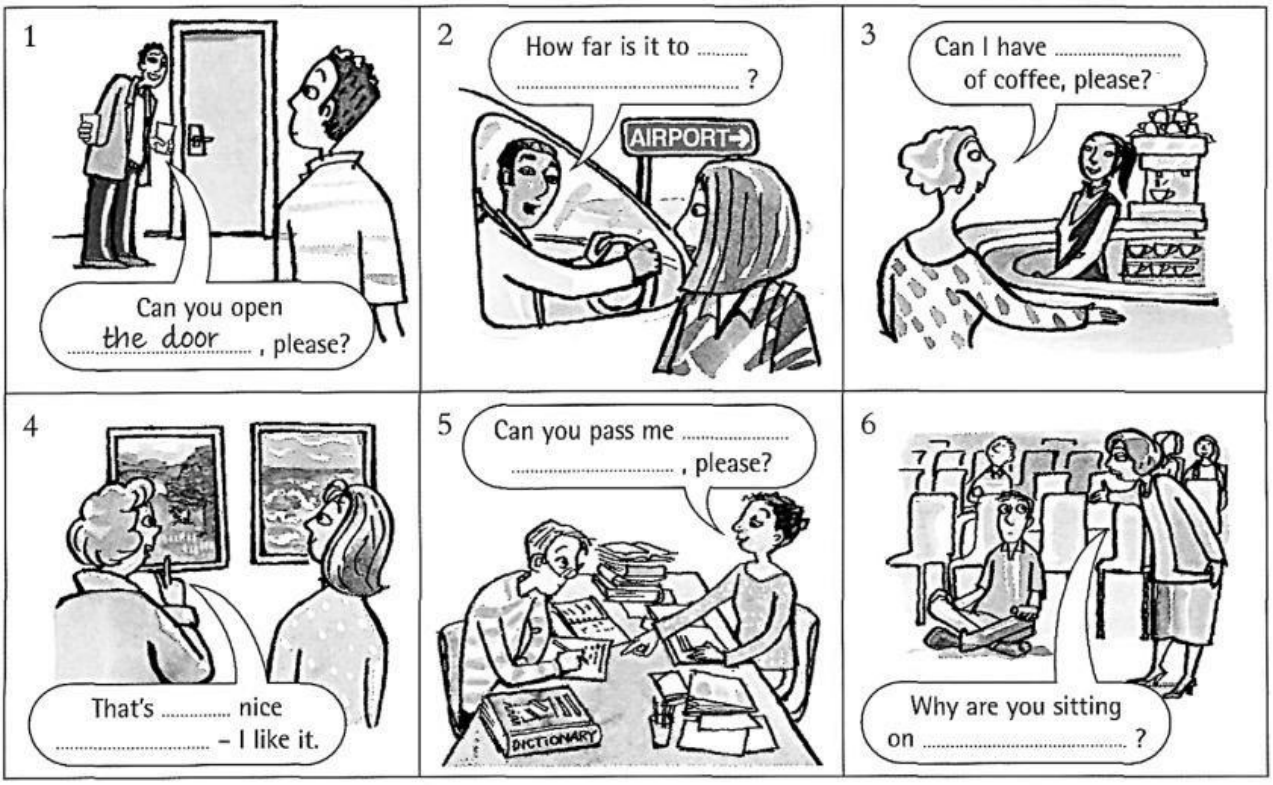
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Articles

We use **the** when the speaker and the hearer **both know** about this person or thing.

Complete the sentences. Use a or the + these words:

airport **cup** **dictionary** ~~**door**~~ **floor** **picture**



Put in *a/an* or *the*.

▶ I walked up to her house, rang ...the... bell and opened ...the... door.

▶ He lives in ...a... small village.

1 Look – that's John walking across ..... street.

2 Can I use ..... bathroom?

3 I need ..... English-French dictionary – have you got one?

4 I know ..... good restaurant – shall I reserve ..... table for tonight?

5 Where's ..... teacher? She's very late.

6 I want ..... long holiday in ..... sun.

7 Who's ..... man in your office?

8 I'm leaving on ..... 4.30 bus.

9 'Which is your coat?' '..... green one.'

10 Claire's looking for ..... new job.

11 Why are you looking at ..... sky?

12 I'll meet you at 4.30 at ..... bus stop outside ..... police station.

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We use **the** before **only; first, second** etc; and **superlatives** (oldest, most beautiful).

Put the beginnings and ends together, and put in *a/an* or *the*.

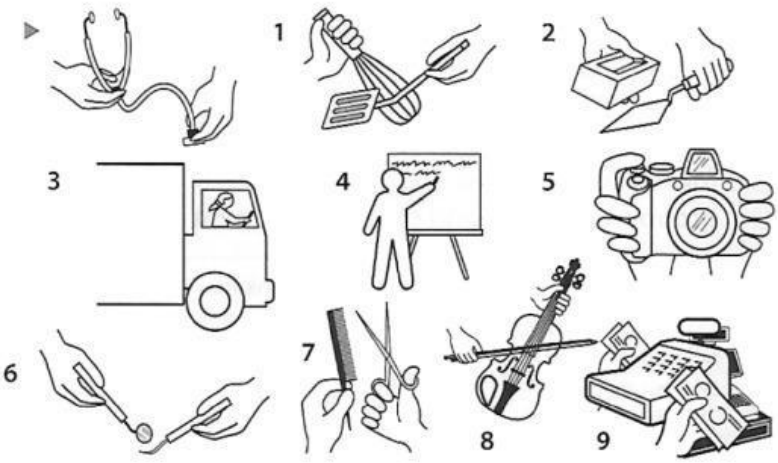
0	Sarah's ...the...	A	cup of coffee? .....
1	I've got	B	first train tomorrow morning? .....
2	John's	C	hottest day of the year. .....
3	What time is	D	most intelligent person in our family. ...o...
4	Yesterday was	E	only boy in the class. .....
5	Would you like	F	present for you. .....

We use **a/an** to talk about what **somebody does**.

Say what these people's jobs are. Use the words in the box.

builder cook dentist doctor ✓ driver hairdresser
musician photographer shop assistant teacher

▶ She's a doctor.
1 He's a .....
2 He's .....
3 She's .....
4 He.....
5 She.....
6 She.....
7 He.....
8 She.....
9 He.....



We often use **a/an** to talk about a person or thing for **the first time**; and **the** when we talk about the person or thing **again**.

Put in *a/an* or *the*.

A BAG IN A BAG

This is ▶ ...a..... true story. Once I went into 1 ..... big sports shop because I wanted 2 ..... sports bag. 3 ..... assistant came up to me, and I told him what I wanted. 4 ..... assistant brought me three different bags. I chose 5 ..... smallest one and paid for it. 6 ..... assistant put 7 ..... bag in 8 ..... large plastic bag. I told him one bag was enough, and asked him to take 9 ..... bag out of 10 ..... other bag. He did so, but he looked very unhappy as I walked out of 11 ..... shop.

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