

## 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.

### BUILDINGS WITH THE

- most names of buildings: **the**

<i>the</i> Hilton Hotel	<i>the</i> Old Mill Restaurant
<i>the</i> Globe Theatre	<i>the</i> British Museum
<i>the</i> Eiffel Tower	<i>the</i> Taj Mahal
<i>the</i> 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
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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!









# 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

<p>1</p>  <p>Can you open <u>the door</u>, please?</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>How far is it to ..... ? AIRPORT →</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Can I have ..... of coffee, please?</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>That's ..... nice ..... - I like it.</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Can you pass me ..... , please?</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Why are you sitting on ..... ?</p>

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.

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*.

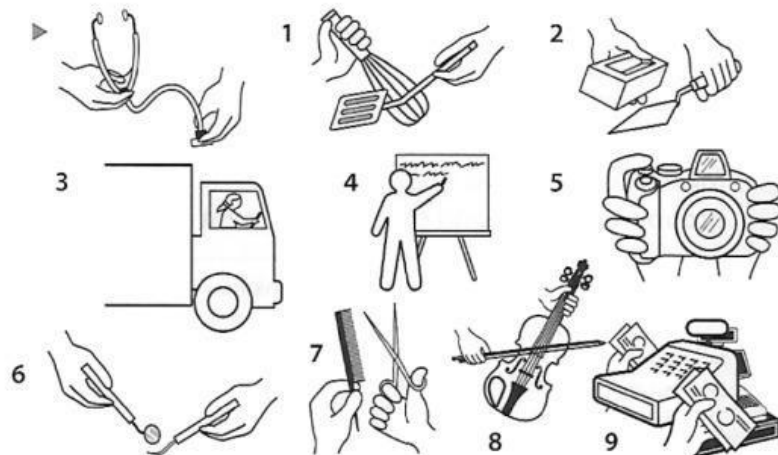
0 Sarah's <i>the</i> .....	A cup of coffee? .....
1 I've got .....	B first train tomorrow morning? .....
2 John's .....	C hottest day of the year. ....
3 What time is .....	D most intelligent person in our family. ....
4 Yesterday was .....	E only boy in the class. ....
5 Would you like .....	F present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