



NOUNS 4: USE OF ARTICLES WITH PROPER NOUNS



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Presentation 1 - People and places

Names of people and places are used with and without 'the'. The table below summarizes the general rules.

Names of ...	Definite article use	Examples and exceptions
People	without the	Winston Churchill, Dr. Smith, Mrs Jones
Countries, regions, cities	normally without the ; but we use the in names with 'Republic', 'Kingdom', 'States'	Asia, Spain, Scotland, Texas, London, the United Kingdom, the Dominican Republic, the United States
Mountains and lakes	without the	Mount Everest, Lake Michigan
Seas, oceans, rivers, deserts	with the	the Atlantic Ocean, the Baltic Sea, the Thames, the Sahara Desert



Names of ...	Definite article use	Examples and exceptions
North/south/east etc.	we say the north of /south of etc. + <i>place</i> ; North/South etc. + place and northern/southern etc. + <i>place</i> without the	the north of Italy; Milan is in northern Italy; Canada is in North America; But we also say: Iran is in the Middle East; Japan is in the Far East.
Plural names of people and places	with the	the United States; the Smiths (= the Smith family); the Caribbean Islands; the Alps
Streets, squares, parks, etc.	without the	Oxford Street, Hyde Park, Times Square
Names with ... of ...	with the	the University of London; the Statue of Liberty; the Bank of England

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Practice 1

Complete the facts below with 'the' where necessary. Leave the gap empty (-) if the sentence is already complete.

- _____ California, the third-largest state in _____ United States, has one of the ten biggest economies in the world..
- _____ Sicily, located in _____ South of _____ Italy, is the largest island in _____ Mediterranean Sea.
- _____ Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, was named after the geographer _____ Sir George Everest in 1865.
- _____ Lake Michigan, one of the five Great Lakes of _____ North America, is slightly larger than _____ Croatia.
- _____ Bahamas, located in _____ Atlantic Ocean, achieved independence from _____ United Kingdom in 1973.
- _____ Amazon is the largest river in the world by volume, but _____ Nile is the longest.
- ' _____ Far East' is a term that is often used in _____ West to refer to the countries of _____ East Asia.
- _____ Central Park, located in _____ New York City, attracts about 25 million visitors every year.



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Presentation 2 - Buildings, organizations, institutions

Names of buildings, organizations, and institutions are also used with and without 'the'. The table below summarizes the general rules.

Names of ...	Definite article use	Examples and exceptions
Important buildings which begin with the name of a person/place	normally without the	Buckingham Palace; London University
Important buildings which do not begin with the name of a person/place	normally with the	the White House; the Empire State Building
Theaters, cinemas, museums, galleries, hotels, etc.	normally with the	the Tate Gallery, the Odeon Cinema; the Hilton
Newspapers	with the	the Times, the Independent
Companies	normally without the	Microsoft, Nokia, Coca Cola
Organizations	normally with the	the BBC, the European Union

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Practice 2

Complete the sentences below with the following names. Include 'the' if necessary

Financial Times	Forbidden City	Icehotel	Kremlin
Louvre	Motorola	Oxford University	Pionier Cinema
Statue of Liberty	White House	Toyota	United Nations

1. The president of the United States lives in the White House
2. _____ is one of the most recognizable American monuments.
3. _____ developed the world's first mobile phone.
4. _____ in Northern Sweden is a temporary hotel built completely from ice and snow.
5. _____ is an international organization which aims to stop wars between countries.
6. _____ is a British newspaper which specializes in reporting business and financial news.
7. _____ is a multinational car manufacturer based in Tokyo, Japan.
8. _____, located in Paris, is the most visited art museum in the world.
9. _____, which opened on September 26th, 1909 in Stettin, Germany (now Szczecin, Poland), is the oldest cinema in the world.



10. _____, which is the Russian word for 'castle', is where the government of Russia is based in Moscow.
11. _____ is one of the most famous colleges in the world.
12. One of China's main tourist attractions is _____, a complex of imperial palaces in the center of Beijing.

5**Practice 3**

Answer the following questions about your country.

1. What are the names of the main rivers in your country?
2. What is the name of your country's biggest mountain range? What is its highest peak?
3. Does your country belong to any political or economic organizations? Which ones?
4. Which college is considered the best in your country?
5. What is the name of the nearest hotel to where you live?
6. What famous monuments or buildings are located in your capital city?
7. Are there any parks, streets, or squares in your town/city that attract a lot of visitors?
8. Are there any museums or art galleries in your town/city? What are their names?
9. What are the names of your neighboring countries?
10. Does your country have a coastline? With which sea(s) or ocean(s)?