



# NOUNS 4: USE OF ARTICLES WITH PROPER NOUNS



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## 1

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



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

## 2

## 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.



## 3

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

## 4

**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)?



# Key

## 2. Practice 1

1. -; the
2. -; the; -; the
3. -; -
4. -; -; -
5. the; the; the
6. The; the
7. the; the; -
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## 4. Practice 2

2. the Statue of Liberty
3. Motorola
4. The Icehotel
5. The United Nations
6. The Financial Times
7. Toyota
8. The Louvre
9. The Pionier Cinema
10. The Kremlin
11. Oxford University
12. the Forbidden City