

Names with and without **the** 2

A

Names 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'.)

B

Most 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** (Theatre)**the Guggenheim** (Museum)Some names are only **the** + *noun*, for example:**the Acropolis****the Kremlin****the Pentagon**

C

Names 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*)

D

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

E

Most newspapers and many organisations have names with **the**:*newspapers***the** Washington Post, **the** Financial Times, **the** Sun*organisations***the** European Union, **the** BBC, **the** Red CrossNames of companies, airlines etc. are usually without **the**:**Fiat** (*not the Fiat*)**Sony****Singapore Airlines****Kodak****IBM****Yale University Press**