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( Most important rules )

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# 1. THE with things that are universally known

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We use **the**

- with things **known to everyone** and that are **unique**.  
(**the** sun, **the** stars, **the** moon, **the** earth)
- with things which there is **only one** around us.  
(**the** government, **the** Taj Mahal)

# 1. THE - universally known / unique things

- The Prime minister of India.
- The CEO of Apple is coming to India.
- The president will be speaking on TV.
- The earth revolves around the sun.
- The moon is so bright today.
- I haven't seen the moon for days.
- People used to think the earth was flat.
- We lay on the grass and watch the stars.
- You can go anywhere in the world.
- Birds are flying freely in the sky.

# 1. THE - universally known / unique things

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- Where is **the** bathroom?
- Do you trust **the** government?
- I went for a walk in **the** park.
- Go straight and turn right after **the** supermarket.

## 2. THE before superlatives

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We use **the**

- before, **first**, **second**...
- before **only**, **next**, **last**.
- before superlatives like **oldest**, **most**.
- before **same**.

## 2. THE before ordinal numbers, superlatives, only, same, etc.

- I'm **the** oldest in my family.
- I live on **the** second floor.
- Where is **the** next candidate?
- We went to **the** same school.
- This is **the** last bus to Delhi.
- He bought **the** most expensive one.
- He is **the** only lecturer in this college.
- She is **the** only woman for me.
- You are **the** tallest person in our class.
- This is **the** third time I have called you today.

### 3. THE with place names

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We use **the** with some kinds of place names.  
famous buildings, works of art, museums, or monuments.



### 3. THE with place names

- seas (**the Atlantic**)
- mountain groups (**the Himalayas**) (Everest, Kilimanjaro)
- island groups (**the West Indies**)
- rivers (**the Ganga, the Nile**) (**NOT** for lakes)
- deserts (**the Sahara**)
- most hotels and buildings (**the Grand Hotel / the Taj Mahal / the Eiffel Tower**)
- most cinemas and theatres (**the Royal Opera House, the Playhouse**)
- most museums and art galleries (**the British Museum, the National Military Memorial**)
- **the United States / the USA / the UK / the UAE**  
(united, republic, union, state = **common nouns**)

### 3. THE with place names

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- Large areas of the world (**the West** / **the Middle east**)
- **the** Netherlands, **the** Philippines

**Don't use THE:** person-name + Airport, Station, School, University, Palace.

- Rajiv Gandhi university
- Kempegowda International Airport
- St. Lawrence High school

## 4. THE with forms of entertainment

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We use **the** to talk about  
our use of some forms of entertainment or media  
in daily routine

## 4. THE with forms of entertainment

- I always listen to **the** radio.
- I am going to **the** cinema / **the** theater.
- I found his address on **the** website.
- Please visit our website.
- I saw his picture in **the** newspaper.
- What's on **TV**?
  
- **Cinema** is different from **theatre** in several ways. (art forms or professions)
- He's worked in **radio** and **television** all his life.

## 5. THE with well-known groups

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The + adjective is used  
to talk about certain well-known groups of people  
who are in a particular physical or social condition.

## 5. THE with well-known groups

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- The poor
- The rich
- The blind
- The disabled
- The mentally ill
- The dead
- The young
- The old
- The unemployed
- The deaf

## 5. THE with well-known groups

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- The problems of **the poor**.
- He's collecting money for **the blind**.
- **The unemployed** are losing hope.
- **The dead** have no further worries.
- This government doesn't care about **the poor**.
- After the accident, **the injured** were taken to hospital. (a limited group)

# 1. Don't use THE

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We don't use **the** before  
my, his, your, this, those and possessives (Kiran's)



# 1. Don't use THE

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- This is **my** uncle. (NOT ...the my uncle)
- Is this **your** phone? (NOT ...the your phone)
- Where is **Sanju's** bag?
- I like **this** cake.
- Is that **Kiran's** phone?

## 2. Don't use THE

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Don't use **the** before

- singular proper nouns (names)
- names of languages.
- names of meals.
- professions

## 2. Don't use THE

- He is Sagar. (NOT he is the Sagar.)
- We live in India. (She lives in the USA)
- Lunch is my favorite meal.
- I like to eat breakfast early.
- English is not so difficult to learn.
- I am trying to learn Hindi.
- Engineering is a well-paid career.
- He is studying medicine.
- She married Brad Pitt, the actor. (a well-know personality)
- I'd like you to meet Arundhati Roy, the novelist.

### 3. some / any and no article

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Uncountable and plural nouns can be used  
either with **some / any**  
or **without** an article.

# Uncountable and plural nouns

- We need (**some**) sugar.
- I didn't buy (**any**) eggs.
- Do you have (**any**) matches?
- You are not making (**any**) progress.
- We talked to **some** students.
- Our neighbours are students.
- Is there **any** water in the fridge?
- Is there water on the moon?
- I want **some more** rice?
- We need rice, sugar and eggs.

(A limited number)

(Focus is on **who they are.**)

(A limited amount)

(Focus is on **existence of water.**)

(An indefinite amount)

(Focus is on **what we need to buy.**)

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