

DEFINITE ARTICLE – “the”

<p>THE is a definite article in English. THE is the most commonly used word in the English language. It can be used with both singular and plural nouns and with a noun that starts with any letter. However, although it is the most commonly used word in English it is also one of the most complicated words to use correctly. So how do we use it?</p>		
<p>1. When it is clear which thing/ person we mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is THE name of this street? = there is only ever one name. • Can you tell me THE time? = the time now, there is only ever one time! 	<p>6. For musical instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE piano • THE guitar • THE violin 	<p>11. With most hotels, museums, theatres and cinemas. For example, THE Ritz THE Odeon, etc.</p>
<p>2. When something is THE same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We live in THE same street. • We are THE same age. • Julie and George are THE same height. 	<p>7. For ‘some’ electronic things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE radio • THE internet, etc., ...but not THE television: “I watch TV a lot.” 	<p>12. With the word ‘of’ for certain places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE Tower of London • THE Great Wall of China
<p>3. For things like THE sun, THE moon, THE world, THE sky, THE ocean, etc. and with the names of sea, oceans, rivers.</p>	<p>8. For some places when we use “go to”. For example, THE cinema, THE theatre, etc.</p>	<p>13. To form the superlative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE smallest. • THE most beautiful
<p>4. For organisations when we refer to the specific organisation. For example, THE police, THE Fire Brigade, etc.</p>	<p>9. When we want to be specific. We’d say, “Flowers are beautiful.” = flowers in general. But if we are referring to certain flowers we’d say: “I love THE flowers in your garden.”</p>	<p>14. For directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE North • THE second turning on THE left.
<p>5. To describe the position of something. So, we would say ‘THE top’, THE end of the street, etc.</p>	<p>10. Names of places for ‘republics’, ‘states’ and kingdoms. For example, THE Czech Republic, THE United Kingdom</p>	<p>THE most difficult word in THE English language is undoubtedly....THE!</p>