

'The' – Definite Article

Rule No. 1:

When it is clear which thing/ person we mean:

- What is the name of this street? = there is only ever one name.
- Which team has the highest number of goals in the World Cup? = there can be only one.
- Can you tell me the time? = the time now, there is only ever one time!
- My flat is on the 4th floor. = the 4th floor of a building.

Now let's practice:

A. Story!

Read the following story and include the word 'the' where you think it should go. You should be able to find more than 10!

"I'm lost, so I need to ask for help. I see a man so I ask him, "What is name of this street?" He tells me that we're on a street called North Road. I tell him that I am looking for city centre. He tells me to take next turning on right, then walk two more blocks and take next turning on left. I walk in direction he tells me and I find building I need. I'm looking for an office on 25th floor so I know I'm looking for a tall building. I find it, but then I realise I don't have my watch so I need to ask another person time. He tells me time and then I hurry to get to my meeting. When I get to 25th floor, I find everyone watching World Cup and talking about team that has scored most goals and best player. I needn't have worried about getting to my meeting on time; no one is very interested!"

B. Look at the following sentences. Are they right or wrong? Correct them if they are incorrect:

1. Who is best tennis player in the Chile with the highest International ranking?
2. Our apartment is on 10th floor.
3. How far is it to the city centre?
4. What is the name of this street?
5. Excuse me, where is nearest bank?
6. Could you tell me the time please?