

Rule No. 9 – Definite Article

The ninth rule is when we want to be specific about something. For example, if we are making a general comment we could say,

“Oak trees are amazing.” = oak trees in general.

Now if I want to be more specific, I'd say:

“**The** oak trees my dad planted in his garden are amazing.” = my dad's oak trees.

Which are right here?

1. We don't eat pasta / the pasta at the weekend.
2. The weather / weather isn't very good today.
3. We don't eat meat / the meat very often.
4. I like the music / music.
5. Do you know much about the politics / politics in Chile?
6. What does your mum do? She sells the cars / cars for a living.
7. I love your apartment. The kitchen/ kitchen is great, so much space to cook.
8. My favourite sport is tennis / the tennis.
9. Everybody needs money / the money.
10. I enjoy taking the photographs / photographs of my dog Percy.
11. We went swimming in the sea. The sea / sea was freezing cold.
12. Where's the coffee / coffee? It's in the cupboard by the kettle.
13. Fruit / the fruit is good for you.
14. I'm not very good at writing the e-mails / e-mails.
15. Excuse me, can you pass the wine / wine.