

1 With places you use the:

- a with names using *Union/Kingdom/States/Republic*:
The United States The United Kingdom The Republic of China
- b with mountain ranges and groups of islands:
The Alps The Rockies The Canaries
- c with rivers, seas, oceans:
The Thames The North Sea The Atlantic Ocean
- d with hotels, cinemas, theatres, museums:
The Hilton Hotel The Odeon The British Museum

2 You use the with points of the compass:

It's much colder in the north of England than in the south.

A: Where do you come from? B: I'm from the north-east, near Newcastle.

3 You use the with adjectives to talk about groups of people. Adjectives commonly used in this way are:

the rich the poor the young the old the blind the disabled the dead
Life nowadays is very difficult for the poor and the disabled.
There was a garden for the blind. All the flowers had a very strong scent.

4 You use the with superlatives (see Unit 64).

She is the oldest daughter. It was the best film I had ever seen.

5 You use the to talk about a family:

The Kennedys are probably the most famous family in the USA. We live next door to the Browns.

6 You use the with:

a musical instruments:



b positions:

in the
corner

at the top

in the
middle

on the
left

on the
right

at the bottom

WARNING: You do not use *the* when you are talking about one particular instrument.

We bought Helen a new violin for her birthday. A: What's that. B: It's a trombone.

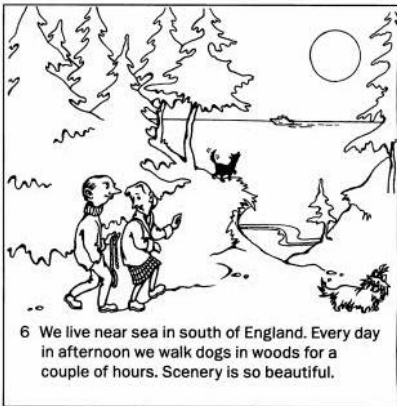
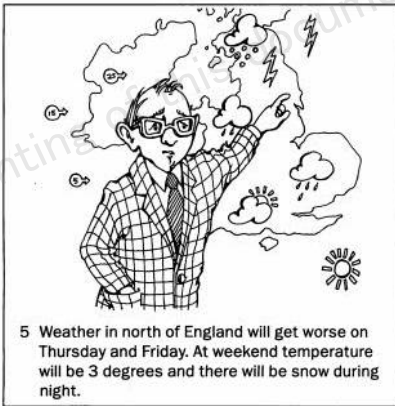
A Match these questions and answers:

the Ritz the Andes the Nile the Clintons the guitar the Odeon the south west

- 1 Which instrument does Paul McCartney play? _____
- 2 What's the nearest cinema to your house? _____
- 3 Which part of the country do you live in? _____
- 4 What's the longest river in your country? _____
- 5 Who are your neighbours? _____
- 6 Which is the biggest hotel in your town? _____
- 7 Which are the biggest mountains in your country? _____

B Now give true answers to the questions.**C Complete these sentences by adding *the*. You must put one *the* in the first sentence, two in the second, three in the third and so on:**

- 1 Excuse me, can you tell me time please?
- 2 What's name of nearest cinema?
- 3 We went to cinema last night. Unfortunately we were late so we missed start of film.
- 4 Name of river that flows through middle of London is Thames.



- 7 I read in encyclopaedia you gave me that Mount Everest in Himalayas is highest mountain in world. Longest river in world is Nile in Africa.
- 8 I was thinking of girls we met in street when we were going to a party in house next to restaurant where Michael works. One came from Republic of Ireland. We invited them to party but they couldn't go because they were flying to United States next day.