

the . . .

A

We use **the** when it is clear which thing or person we mean:

- What is **the name** of this street? (there is only one name)
- Who is **the best player** on your team? (there is only one best player)
- Can you tell me **the time**, please? (= the time *now*)
- My office is on **the first floor**. (= the first floor of the building)

Don't forget **the**:

- Do you live near **the airport**? (*not* near airport)
- Excuse me, where is **the nearest bank**? (*not* where is nearest . . .)

B

the same . . .

- We live on **the same street**. (*not* on same street)
- "Are these two books different?" "No, they're **the same**." (*not* they're same)

C

We say:

the sun / the moon / the world / the sky / the ocean / the country

- **The sky** is blue and **the sun** is shining.
- Do you live in a city or in **the country**?

the police / the fire department / the army (of a city, country, etc.)

- My brother is a soldier. He's in **the army**.
- What do you think of **the police**? Do they do a good job?

the top / the end / the middle / the left, etc.

- Write your name at **the top** of the page.
- My house is at **the end** of this block.
- The table is in **the middle** of the room.
- Do you drive on **the right** or on **the left** in your country?

(play) **the piano / the guitar / the trumpet**, etc. (musical instruments)

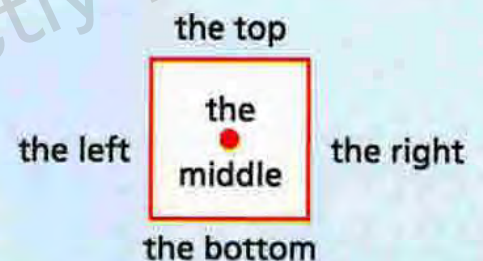
- Paula is learning to play **the piano**.

the radio

- I listen to **the radio** a lot.

the Internet

- Do you use **the Internet** much?



D

We do *not* use **the** with:

television/TV

- I watch **TV** a lot.
- What's on **television** tonight?

but Can you turn off **the television**? (= the TV set)

breakfast/lunch/dinner

- What did you have for **breakfast**? (*not* the breakfast)
- **Dinner** is ready!

next/last + week/month/year/summer/Monday, etc.

- I'm not working **next week**. (*not* the next week)
- Did you take a vacation **last summer**? (*not* the last summer)



71.1 Put in *the* where necessary. Write **OK** if the sentence is already correct.

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| 1. What is name of this street? | <u>the name</u> |
| 2. What's on television tonight? | <u>OK</u> |
| 3. Our apartment is on second floor. | _____ |
| 4. Would you like to go to moon? | _____ |
| 5. What is best hotel in this town? | _____ |
| 6. What time is lunch? | _____ |
| 7. How far is it to football stadium? | _____ |
| 8. We're taking a trip at end of May. | _____ |
| 9. What are you doing next weekend? | _____ |
| 10. I didn't like her first time I met her. | _____ |
| 11. I'm going out after dinner. | _____ |
| 12. Internet is a good place to get information. | _____ |
| 13. My sister got married last month. | _____ |
| 14. My dictionary is on top shelf on right. | _____ |
| 15. We live in country about 10 miles from nearest town. | _____ |

71.2 Complete the sentences. Use *the same* + these words:

age color problem ~~street~~ time

- I live on North Street, and you live on North Street. We live on the same street.
- I arrived at 8:30, and you arrived at 8:30. We arrived at _____.
- Jim is 25, and Sue is 25. Jim and Sue are _____.
- My shirt is dark blue, and so is my jacket. My shirt and jacket are _____.
- I have no money, and you have no money. We have _____.

71.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use *the* if necessary.



- The sun is shining.
- She's playing _____.
- They're having _____.
- He's watching _____.
- They're swimming in _____.
- Tim's name is at _____ of the list.

71.4 Complete these sentences. Choose from the list. Use *the* if necessary.

capital ~~dinner~~ lunch middle name police sky television

- We had dinner at a restaurant last night.
- We stayed at a very nice hotel, but I don't remember _____.
- _____ is very clear tonight. You can see all the stars.
- Sometimes there are some good programs on _____ late at night.
- _____ stopped me because I was driving too fast.
- Tokyo is _____ of Japan.
- "What did you have for _____?" "A salad."
- I woke up in _____ of the night.