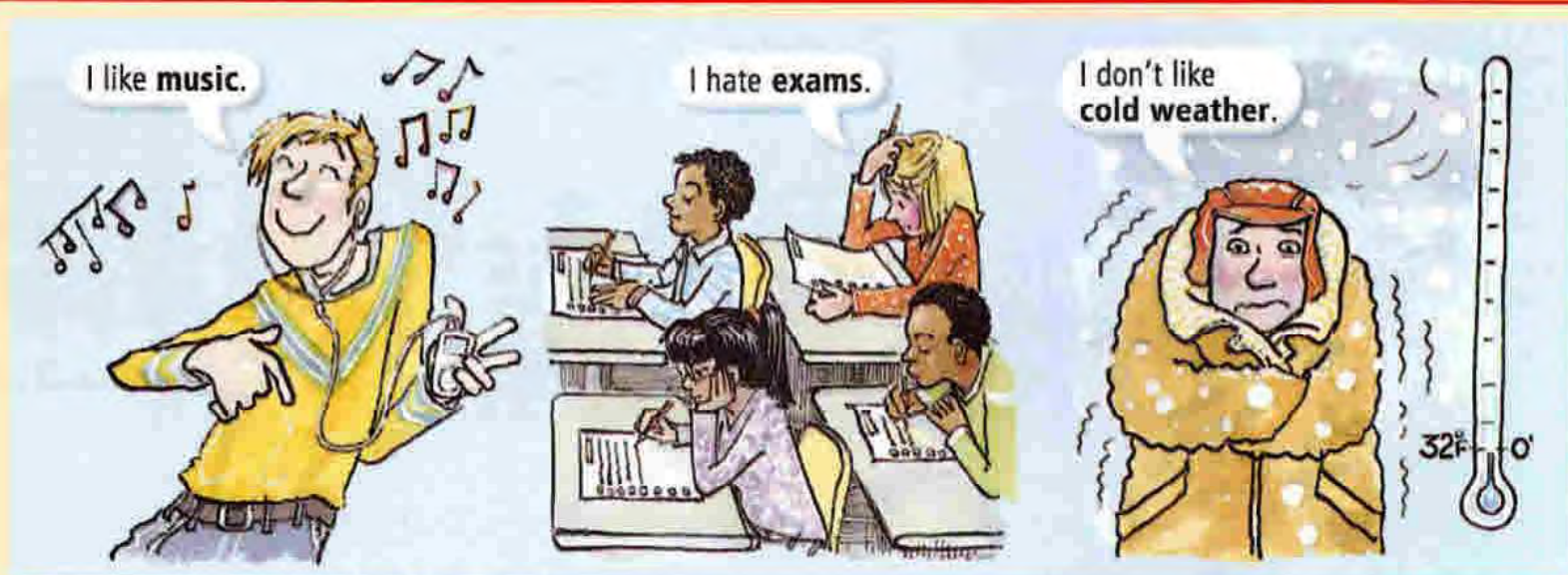


A



Do not use **the** for general ideas:

- I like **music**, especially **classical music**.
(*not* the music . . . the classical music)
- We don't eat **meat** very often. (*not* the meat)
- **Life** is not possible without **water**.
(*not* The life . . . the water)
- I hate **exams**. (*not* the exams)
- Do you know where I can buy **foreign newspapers**?
- I'm not very good at writing **letters**.



Do not use **the** for games and sports:

- My favorite sports are **tennis** and **skiing**. (*not* the tennis . . . the skiing)

Do not use **the** for languages or school subjects (**history/geography/physics/biology**, etc.):

- Do you think **English** is difficult? (*not* the English)
- Tom's brother is studying **physics** and **chemistry**.

B

flowers or the flowers?

Compare:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Flowers are beautiful.
(= flowers in general) ■ I don't like cold weather.
(= cold weather in general) ■ We don't eat fish very often. (= fish in general) ■ Are you interested in history?
(= history in general) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I love your garden.
The flowers are beautiful.
(= the flowers in your garden) ■ The weather isn't very good today.
(= the weather today) ■ We had a great meal last night. The fish was excellent.
(= the fish we ate last night) ■ Do you know much about the history of your country? |
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73.1 What do you think about these things?

big cities chocolate computer games dogs exams
housework jazz museums parties tennis

Choose seven of these things and write sentences with:

I like . . . I don't like . . . I love . . . I hate is/are all right

1. I hate exams. OR I like exams. OR Exams are all right. (etc)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

73.2 Are you interested in these things? Write sentences with:

I'm (very) interested in . . . I know a lot about . . . I don't know much about . . .
I'm not interested in . . . I know a little about . . . I don't know anything about . . .

1. (history) I'm very interested in history.
2. (politics) I _____
3. (sports) _____
4. (art) _____
5. (astronomy) _____
6. (economics) _____

73.3 Which is right?

1. My favorite sport is football / ~~the football~~. (*football* is right)
2. I like this hotel. ~~Rooms~~ / The rooms are very nice. (*The rooms* is right)
3. Everybody needs friends / ~~the friends~~.
4. Jane doesn't go to parties / ~~the parties~~ very often.
5. I went shopping at the mall this morning. Stores / ~~The stores~~ were very crowded.
6. "Where's milk / ~~the milk~~?" "It's in the fridge."
7. I don't like milk / ~~the milk~~. I never drink it.
8. "Do you play any sports?" "Yes, I play basketball / ~~the basketball~~."
9. "What does your brother do?" "He sells computers / ~~the computers~~."
10. We went for a swim in the river. Water / ~~The water~~ was very cold.
11. I don't like swimming in cold water / ~~the cold water~~.
12. Excuse me, can you pass salt / ~~the salt~~, please?
13. I like this town. I like people / ~~the people~~ here.
14. Vegetables / ~~The vegetables~~ are good for you.
15. Houses / ~~The houses~~ on this street are all the same.
16. I can't sing this song. I don't know words / ~~the words~~.
17. I enjoy taking pictures / ~~the pictures~~. It's my hobby.
18. Do you want to see pictures / ~~the pictures~~ that I took when I was on vacation?
19. English / ~~The English~~ is used a lot in international business / ~~the international business~~.
20. Money / ~~The money~~ doesn't always bring happiness / ~~the happiness~~.