

Names With and Without *the* (2)

A

Names without *the*

We do not use *the* with names of most streets/roads/squares/parks, etc.:

Union Street (<i>not the . . .</i>)	Fifth Avenue	Central Park
Wilshire Boulevard	Broadway	Times Square

Many names (especially names of important buildings and institutions) are two words:

Kennedy Airport Cambridge University

The first word is usually the name of a person (Kennedy) or a place (Cambridge). We do not usually use *the* with names like these. Some more examples:

Penn Station (<i>not the . . .</i>)	Boston University	Carnegie Hall
Lincoln Center	Buckingham Palace	

But we say *the White House* and *the Royal Palace* because “white” and “royal” are not names like “Kennedy” and “Cambridge.” This is only a general rule and there are exceptions.

B

Most other names (of places, buildings, etc.) have names with *the*:

<i>the</i>	Hilton	Hotel
	National	Theater
	Sahara	Desert
	Atlantic	Ocean

These places usually have names with *the*:

<i>hotels / restaurants</i>	<i>the Sheraton Hotel, the Bombay Restaurant, the Holiday Inn (hotel)</i>
<i>theaters / movie theaters</i>	<i>the Shubert Theater, the Cineplex Odeon</i>
<i>museums / galleries</i>	<i>the Metropolitan Museum, the National Gallery</i>
<i>other buildings / bridges</i>	<i>the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, the White House</i>
<i>oceans / seas / canals</i>	<i>the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal</i>

Also:

newspapers *the Washington Post, the Financial Times*
organizations (but see also Section D) *the European Union, the Red Cross*

Sometimes we leave out the noun: *the Hilton (Hotel), the Sahara (Desert)*

Sometimes the name is only *the + noun*: *the Vatican (in Rome), the Pentagon (in Washington, D.C.)*

Names with *of* usually have *the*. For example:

<i>the Bank of Montreal</i>	<i>the Tower of London</i>	<i>the Museum of Modern Art</i>
<i>the Houses of Congress</i>	<i>the Great Wall of China</i>	<i>the Tropic of Capricorn</i>
<i>the Gulf of Mexico</i>	<i>the University of Michigan</i>	

C

Many stores, restaurants, hotels, banks, etc., are named after the people who started them.

These names end in *-’s* or *-s*. We do not use *the* with these names:

Lloyds Bank (<i>not the Lloyds Bank</i>)	McDonalds
Macy’s (department store)	Harrah’s (casino)

Churches are often named after saints:

St. John’s Church (*not the St. John’s Church*) St. Patrick’s Cathedral

D

Names of companies, airlines, etc., are usually without *the*:

Fiat (*not the Fiat*) Sony Kodak United Airlines IBM

Exercises

75.1 Use the map to answer the questions in the way shown. Write the name of the place and the street it is on. On maps we do not normally use *the*. In your sentences, use *the* if necessary.



1. Is there a movie theater near here?
2. Is there a supermarket near here?
3. Is there a hotel near here?
4. Is there a church near here?
5. Is there a museum near here?
6. Is there a bank near here?
7. Is there a park near here?
8. Is there a restaurant near here?

Yes, the Palace on Main Street .

Yes, _____ on _____ .

Yes, _____ on _____ .

Yes, _____ .

Yes, _____ .

Yes, _____ .

Yes, _____ .

Yes, _____ .

75.2 Where are these streets and buildings? Choose from the box. Use *the* where necessary.

Acropolis	Broadway	Buckingham Palace	Eiffel Tower
Sunset Boulevard	Times Square	Vatican	White House

1. Times Square is in New York.
2. _____ is in Paris.
3. _____ is in Rome.
4. _____ is in London.
5. _____ is in Hollywood.
6. _____ is in Washington, D.C.
7. _____ is in Athens.
8. _____ is in New York.

75.3 Choose the correct form, with or without *the*.

1. Have you been to British Museum / the British Museum? (*the British Museum* is correct)
2. The biggest park in New York is Central Park / the Central Park.
3. My favorite park in London is St. James's Park / the St. James's Park.
4. Ramada Inn / The Ramada Inn is on Main Street / the Main Street.
5. We flew to Mexico City from O'Hare Airport / the O'Hare Airport in Chicago.
6. Frank is a student at McGill University / the McGill University.
7. If you're looking for some new clothes, I would recommend Harrison's Department Store / the Harrison's Department Store.
8. Statue of Liberty / The Statue of Liberty is at the entrance to New York harbor / the New York harbor.
9. You should go to Whitney Museum / the Whitney Museum. There are some wonderful paintings there.
10. John works for IBM / the IBM now. He used to work for General Electric / the General Electric.
11. "Which movie theater are you going to tonight?" "Classic / The Classic."
12. I'd like to go to China and see Great Wall / the Great Wall.
13. Which newspaper should I buy - Independent / the Independent or Herald / the Herald?
14. This book is published by Cambridge University Press / the Cambridge University Press.