

Articles:

A: We speak about st for the **first time**

Once a week, 3 times a day, 1.20 USD a kilo

THE: **particular thing** – I cleaned the car = my car

**It is clear which thing or person we mean** – in a room: the light, the floor, the ceiling, the door, the carpet

Go to the bank, to the post office /certain in the town/, the doctor, to the dentist, to the cinema, to the theatre

The city centre, the army

When there is **only one of something**: the longest river in the world, the end of this month, the sun, the moon

The sky, the sea, the ground, the country, the environment, the space  
/!space without article =universe/

The same

The radio - ! television /no article/

The school, the prison, the hospital, the university, the church = particular school... /her mother has gone to the school where her daughter is/

**A type of things**: the giraffe is the tallest animal. The bicycle is a very good means of transport. The dollar is the currency of the USA

**Musical instruments**: the guitar, the piano...

**The + adjective** = group of people /sg/: the young the old the sick

The rich the poor the dead

the disabled the unemployed

the injured the homeless

**The + nationality**: the French, the English, the Chinese, the Sudanese /pl/

**NAMES**: containing a general word: republic, kingdom, state: The

Dominican Republic, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom

Oceans, seas, rivers, canals: the Atlantic Ocean, the Amazon, the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal

In plural: people: the Taylors

Countries: The Netherlands

Groups of islands: the Bahamas

Mountain ranges /horská pásma/: the Alps, the Rocky

Mountains

The north, the south-east of /France/, the Middle East, the Far East

Hotels, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries,  
newspapers, organisations: the Bombay restaurant, The British Museum, The Washington Post, the BBC

Names with of: the Bank of England

**NO ARTICLE:**

Meals – breakfast, lunch dinner  
Television  
Platform 5, size 43, room 126, page 30, section A...  
School, prison, hospital, university, church - / =general idea/ go to school,  
be at school, school begins at...  
Bed, work, home  
Sea /in the meaning of voyage/ ! I'd like to live near the sea  
People, things in general: dogs, teachers, music, Chinese food,  
**Names of sports:** football, skiing, athletics...  
With most: most people, most books...

**NAMES:** people: Ann, John Brown  
Places: continents: Africa  
Countries: France, Japan  
States, regions: Texas, Tuscany, Central Europe  
Islands: Corsica, Sicily  
Cities, towns: Cairo, New York, Madrid  
Mountains: Everest, Etna  
Mount+lake: Mount Everest, Lake Ontario  
Northern France, south-eastern Spain  
Streets, roads, squares, parks: Union Street, Fifth Avenue, Times  
Square, Hyde Park  
Institutions named after certain people: McDonalds, Harrods...  
Mr/Mrs/Captain/Doctor: Mr Johnson, Captain Cook, President Bush,  
Uncle, aunt, saint, Princess: Princess Diana, Uncle Sam...