

# ARTICLES

A short overview

# CONTEXT - SITUATION

The window opens.

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# CONTEXT – TEXT

I opened a window. The boss came in and saw the window.



# PARTICULAR GENERAL

# VS

## Countables

The windows open.

The window is an important part of any building.

Windows open.

## Uncountables

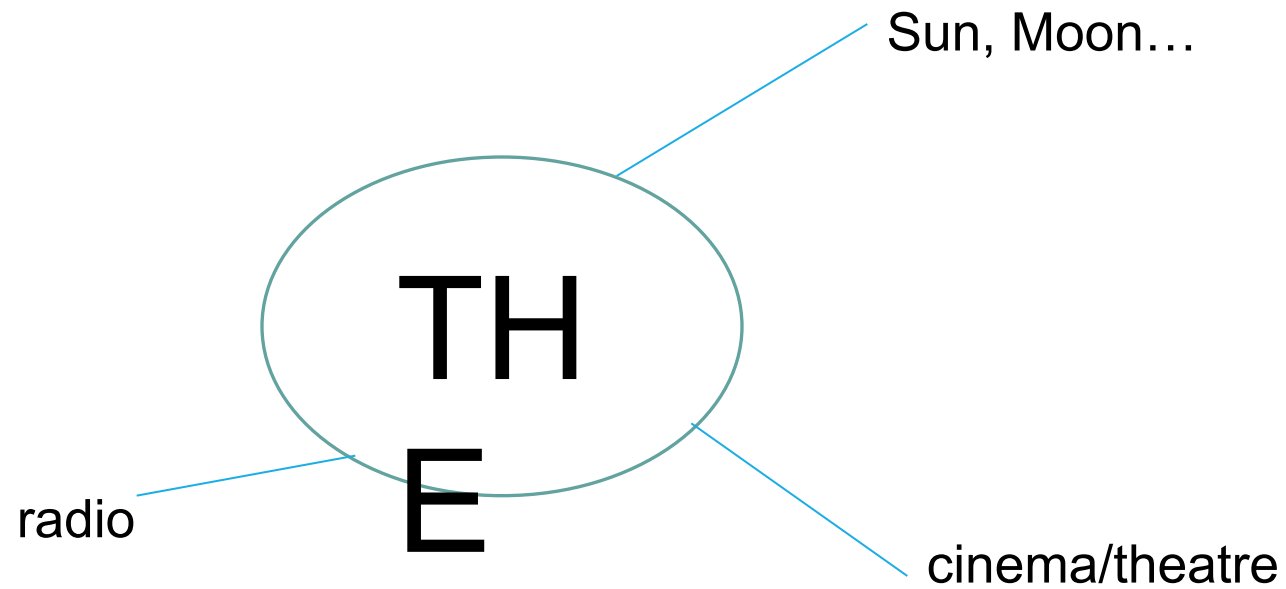
Drink the milk.



Drink milk.



# THE ONLY ONE



# FOOD

## Have breakfast/lunch/dinner

I never eat lunch.



I have eaten an excellent lunch.

# AT SCHOOL / IN THE SCHOOL

University  
(building).

He works at university./ He is in the university

School

I was at school./ We found him in the school.

Hospital

He was taken to hospital./ We was him in the hospital.

Church

She goes to church./ She met him in the church.

Prison  
prison.

He was sent to prison./ I was called to the

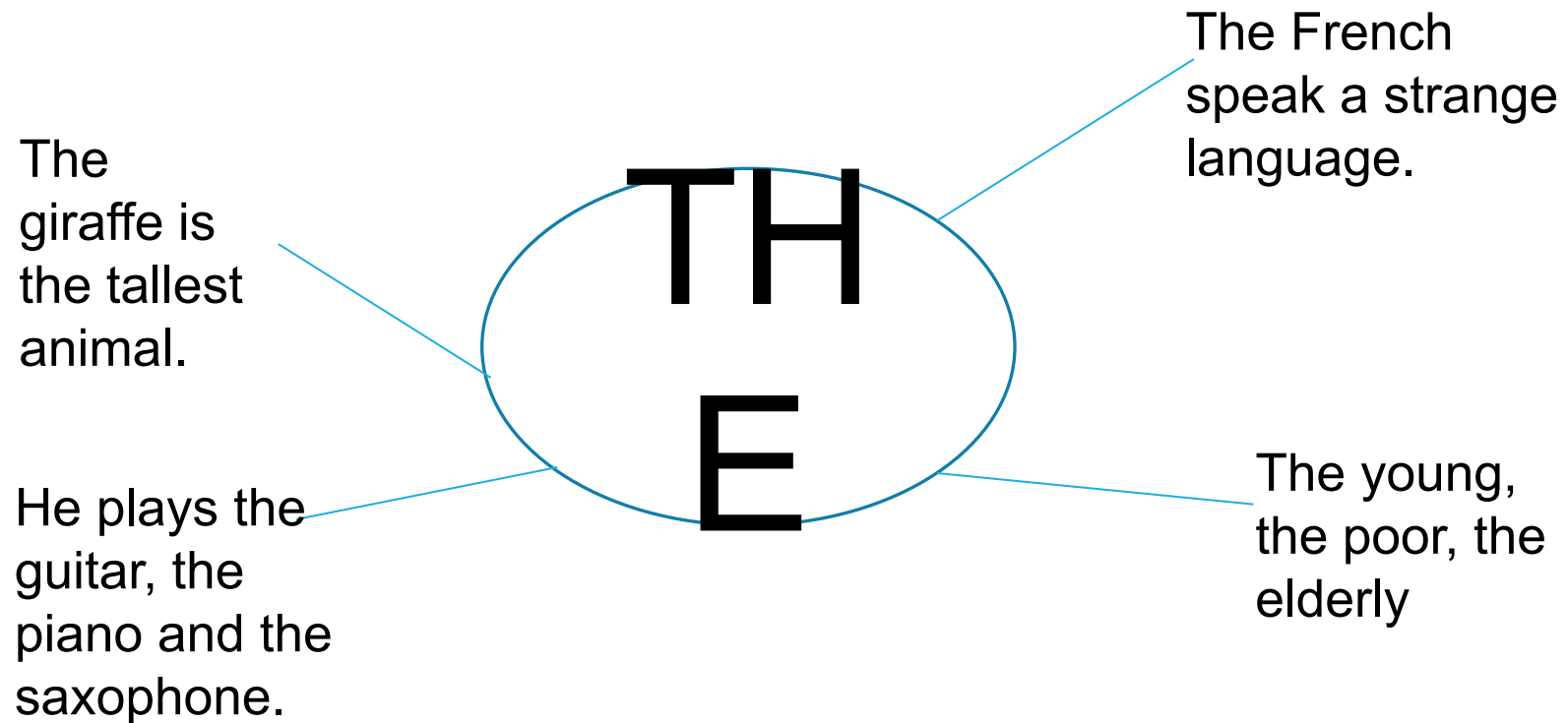
Bed

I'm still in bed./ I'm under the bed.

Sea

He works at sea./ He likes swimming in the sea.

# OTHER USES OF THE





# NAMES WITH THE

Rivers, oceans: the Mississippi, the Pacific

Deserts: the Gobi Desert

People: the Spanish, the French, the Japanese

Countries: the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, the United States

Groups of islands: the Seychelles

Mountain ranges: the Rocky Mountains, the Alps



# NAMES WITH NO

Continents: Africa, Australia

Lakes: Lake Huron, Loch Ness

Countries: France, Italy, Germany

Islands: Sicily, Cyprus

Cities: New York, Canberra

Mountains: Mount Everest, Ben Nevis



# NAMING PLACES IN CITIES - THE

Hotels: the Sheraton (Hotel)

Cinemas: the Palace (Theatre)

Museums: the Guggenheim (Museum)

Buildings: the Empire State Building

Newspapers: the Times, the Washington Post

Organisations: the BBC



# NAMING PLACE IN CITIES – NO ARTICLE

Streets: Oxford Street

Airports: JFK Airport

Universities: Cambridge/ Oxford University (but: the University of Cambridge)

*In general, when the first name is a name of a place or a person:*

Victoria Station

McDonald's

Buckingham Palace

Macy's

Canterbury Cathedral

St Paul's C

Edinburgh Castle

