

Grammar Articles

When do we Use Article 'the' with Proper Nouns in English?

Use 'the' with adjective + noun phrases:		Don't Use 'the':	
Category:	Example:	Category:	Example:
rivers canals seas oceans islands deserts geographic areas mountain ranges monuments / landmarks organisations eras -- people (groups)	the River Thames the Suez Canal the Black Sea the Atlantic Ocean the Channel Islands the Sahara Desert the Welsh countryside the Himalayan mountains the Sydney Opera House the British Museum the Middle Ages -- the Miller family; the Millers; the Spanish	days / months names of people titles of people family members nationalities / religions languages villages / towns cities districts / counties countries lakes / lochs / reservoirs forests street addresses companies / corporations products titles in culture	Monday / February John / Lisa Mr. John Miller Aunt Maggie Danish / Christianity German Lynmouth / Oakham Madrid Bloomsbury / Cheshire Brazil Lake Victoria / Loch Ness Sherwood Forest 14 Primrose Lane IKEA / Facebook Heinz Tomato Ketchup Star Trek
Use 'the' with '___ of ___' phrases:		Proper nouns with 'the' which don't fit the rules:	
Category:	Example:	Category:	Example:
Duke of ___ Prince of ___ King / Queen of ___ Kingdom of ___ Republic of ___ State of ___ Isle of ___ Port of ___ [place] of [person]	the Duke of Wellington the Prince of Wales the King of Belgium the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the Republic of Poland the State of Texas the Isle of Wight the Port of Dover the Ireland of James Joyce	peninsula city country province	the Crimea the Hague the Philippines the Transvaal

Use the information above to help you complete the gaps in the story with either 'the' (definite article) or [-] (zero article). Write the number of each gap with the corresponding category above, e.g. 'days - 1'.

On 1. ___ Tuesday 2. ___ Mike and 3. ___ Green family left their home in 4. ___ Lincolnshire and travelled to 5. ___ Paris to visit 6. ___ Eiffel Tower. Some of them were able to chat to 7. ___ French in 8. ___ French. They stayed at 9. ___ Columbus Hotel, which overlooks 10. ___ River Seine. Despite being abroad they ate at 11. ___ Burger King every night, apart from when they went to 12. ___ Palace of Versailles and took a packed lunch with bottles of 13. ___ Evian water. They got the train back to 14. ___ London and took a taxi to 15. ___ Duke of Clarence – a pub in 16. ___ Mayfair, where 17. ___ Uncle Gary – or 18. ___ Mr. Gary Bradley, to give him his full title – was waiting for them in his 19. ___ Honda Accord.

He'd just got back from a lovely cruise with his wife, 20. ___ Audrey – who was from 21. ___ Philippines. They had cruised around 22. ___ Greek islands on the way to 23. ___ Israel, where they had particularly enjoyed 24. ___ Eilat Mountains, not to mention sailing past 25. ___ Suez Canal. Unfortunately there hadn't been enough time to visit 26. ___ Sahara Desert. 27. ___ Gary had taken numerous photos of 28. ___ Mediterranean Sea with his 29. ___ iPhone, while 30. ___ Audrey relaxed on board. They were looking forward to another long holiday in 31. ___ May – sailing across 32. ___ Atlantic Ocean to 33. ___ New York via 34. ___ Canary Islands. His wife said she couldn't wait to see 35. ___ Statue of Liberty and 36. ___ Manhattan. She wanted to buy 37. ___ Hugo Boss perfume and walk down 38. ___ Fifth Avenue. She'd seen it on 39. ___ BBC as part of a new travel programme called 40. ___ 'Wild America', presented by 41. ___ Simon Fox.

As he drove 42. ___ Greens back home through 43. ___ English countryside, 44. ___ Gary explained that he wanted to see 45. ___ New York of 46. ___ F. Scott Fitzgerald. He was fascinated by 47. ___ Jazz Age. He was also keen to see the place in 48. ___ Philadelphia – in 49. ___ State of Pennsylvania – where 50. ___ America's forefathers signed 51. ___ Declaration of Independence. When they got to their house, close to 52. ___ Lake Wilton beside 53. ___ Wilton Forest, they had a glass of 54. ___ Baileys and watched 55. ___ 'Dancing on Ice' on 56. ___ ITV.