

ROLE MODELS

Definite Articles

Without the definite article General words (indefinite)	With the definite article General words (definite)
Life is too short. I like flowers.	I've read a book on the life of Bill Clinton. I like the flowers in your garden.
Names of persons on the singular, relatives	Family names in the plural
Peter and John live in London. Aunt Mary lives in Los Angeles.	The Smiths live in Chicago.
Public buildings, institutions, means of transport (indefinite)	Public buildings, institutions, means of transport (definite)
Mandy doesn't like school. We go to school by bus. Some people go to church on Sundays.	The school that Mandy goes to is old. The bus to Dresden leaves at 7.40. The round church in <u>Klingenthal</u> is famous.
Names of countries in the singular; summits of mountains; continents; towns	Names of countries in the plural; mountain ranges; regions
Germany, France; Mount Whitney, Mount McKinley; Africa, Europe; Cairo, New York	<u>the</u> United States of America, the Netherlands; the Highlands, the Rocky Mountains, the Alps; the Middle East, the west of Australia
Single islands	Groups of islands
Corfu, Bermuda, Sicily	<u>the</u> Bahamas, the British Isles, the Canaries
Parks; lakes; streets	Name with of-phrase; oceans; seas; rivers
Central Park, Hyde Park; Lake Michigan, Loch Ness; 42nd Street, Oxford Street	<u>the</u> Statue of Liberty, the Tower (of London), the Isle of Wight; <u>the</u> Atlantic (Ocean); <u>the</u> Mediterranean (Sea); <u>the</u> Nile, the Rhine, the Suez Canal
Months, days of the week (indefinite)	Months, days of the week (definite)
The weekend is over on Monday morning. July and August are the most popular months for holidays.	I always remember the Monday when I had an accident. The August of 2001 was hot and dry.