



*good  
morning*

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# Use of the Definite Article

1. When we speak of a Particular person or thing, or one already referred to

**The book you want is out of print.**

**I dislike the fellow.**

**Let us go to the club.**

2. When a singular noun is meant to represent a whole class

**The cat loves comfort**

**The horse is a noble animal.**

**The cow is a useful animal.**

Note: Man & Woman used in the general sense to denote the whole class never have either article.

**Man is the only animal that uses fire.**

**Woman is man's mate.**



**3. With names of gulfs, rivers, seas, oceans, groups of islands, and mountain-ranges**

**The Persian Gulf**

**The Ganges is considered holy by the Hindus.**

**London is on the Thames.**

**The Red sea.**

**The Indian ocean**

**The British isles.**

**The Laccadive Islands.**

**The Himalayas lie to the North of India.**

**The Alps.**

4. Before the names of certain books

**The Vedas, the Puranas, The *Iliad*, the *Ramayana***

But we say

**Homer's *Iliad*, Valmiki's *Ramayana*.**

5. Before common nouns which are names of things unique of their kind

**The Sun, the sky, the ocean, the sea, the earth**

**6. Before a Proper noun only when it its qualified by an adjective or a defining adjectival clause**

**The great Caesar: the immortal Shakespeare**

**The Mr. Roy whom you met last night is my uncle.**

**7. With Superlatives**

**The darkest cloud has a silver lining.**

**This is the best book of elementary chemistry.**





## **8. With ordinals**

He was the first man to arrive.

The ninth chapter of the book is very interesting.

## **9. Before musical instruments**

He can play the flute.

## **10. Before an adjective when the noun is understood**

The poor are always with us.



**11. Before a noun to give the force of a Superlative**

The verb is the word (= the chief word) in a sentence.

**12. As an Adverb with Comparatives**

The more the merrier.

The more they get, the more they want.



## Test – 2

1. Maxim was at \_\_\_\_\_ centre of her thoughts.

2. She is on \_\_\_\_\_ diet, so she ordered \_\_\_\_\_ calorie-free dinner.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Most children like \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.

4. We need to be at \_\_\_\_\_ airport in \_\_\_\_\_ hour.

5. Do you happen to know who invented \_\_\_\_\_ camera?





6. Carol's father works as \_\_\_\_\_ electrician.

7. Last year we visited \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul's Cathedral and \_\_\_\_\_ Tower of London.

8. The plane was climbing up through \_\_\_\_\_ sky.

9. Winston Churchill, \_\_\_\_\_ former Prime Minister of England, went to \_\_\_\_\_ Harrow.

10. Emma's eyes rested on \_\_\_\_\_ letter. Here was \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity she had been waiting for.



Ans: 1. the 2. X, a 3.X, X 4. the, an  
5.the 6. an 7. X, the 8. the 9.the, X  
10.the, the

Thank's  
You