



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 73 – The 1

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THE ONLY ONE

A



- ❖ We use **the** when there is only one of something:
 - EX1: Have you ever crossed **the equator**?
(there is only one equator)
 - EX2: Our apartment is on **the tenth floor**.
 - EX3: Buenos Aires is **the capital of Argentina**.
 - EX4: I'm going away at **the end of this month**.
- ❖ We use **the + superlative (best, oldest etc.)**:
 - EX5: What's **the longest river in Europe**?
- ❖ Compare **the** and **a/an** (see also Units 71–72):
 - EX6: **The sun** is a star. (=one of many stars)
 - EX7: **The hotel** where we stayed was a very old hotel.
 - EX8: We live in **an apartment on the tenth floor**.
 - EX9: What's **the best way** to learn a language?

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THE SAME

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❖ We say 'the same':

- EX10: Your sweater is **the same** color as mine. (not is same color)
- EX11: 'Are these keys **the same**?' 'No, they're different.'

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THE WORLD

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We say

the world the universe the sun the moon the earth
the sky the sea the ground the country (= not a town)

- EX12: I love to look at the stars in the sky. (not in sky)
- EX13: Do you live in a town or in the country?
- EX14: The earth goes round the sun, and the moon goes round the earth.
- ❖ We also use **Earth** (without the) when we think of it as a planet in space (like **Mars, Jupiter** etc.).
 - EX15: Which is the planet nearest **Earth**?
- ❖ We say **space** (without the) when we mean ‘**space in the universe**’. Compare:
 - EX16: There are millions of stars in **space**. (not in the space)
 - EX17: I tried to park my car, but **the space** was too small.

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THE CINEMA

D

❖ (go to) the cinema, the theatre

- EX18: I go to the cinema a lot, but I haven't been to the theatre for ages.

❖ TV / television (without the), but the radio

- EX19: I watch TV a lot, but I don't listen to the radio much. but
- EX20: Can you turn off the television, please? (the television = the TV set)

❖ the internet

- EX21: The internet has changed the way we live.

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BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

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- ❖ We usually say **breakfast/lunch/dinner** (without the):
 - EX22: What did you have for **breakfast**?
 - EX23: We had **lunch** in a very nice restaurant.
- ❖ But we say **'a big lunch', 'a wonderful dinner', 'an early breakfast'** etc.
 - EX24: We had a very nice **lunch**. (not *We had very nice lunch*)

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PLATFORM 5

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- ❖ We say: size 43, platform 5 etc. (without the)
 - EX25: Our train leaves from **platform 5**. (not the platform 5)
 - EX26: Do you have these shoes in **size 43**? (not the size 43)
- ❖ In the same way, we say: **room 126, page 29, vitamin A, section B** etc.

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TÓM TẮT

- Chúng ta dùng **the** để chỉ những người / vật chỉ có một và là duy nhất như “**the equator**” (đường xích đạo,) “**the capital of Vietnam**” v.v.... *Have you ever crossed **the equator**?* Theo nghĩa này, chúng ta cũng dùng **the** với các danh từ đi kèm với so sánh nhất (superlative comparison) *What's **the longest river in Europe**?*
- Lưu ý các cụm từ thường dùng với **the** như *the same, the world, the sky, the sea, the universe, the sun, the moon, **the earth**, the ground, the country, the cinema, the theater, the internet, the radio* v.v.. ***The internet** has changed the way we live.*
- Trong các từ trên, tùy vào ngữ cảnh, một số từ có thể không đi kèm với “**the**”:
 - **Earth**: khi dùng với nghĩa “**một hành tinh trong vũ trụ**”. *Which is the planet nearest to **Earth**?*
 - **Space**: khi dùng với nghĩa “**không gian trong vũ trụ.**” *There are millions of stars in space.* Tuy nhiên, khi dùng với nghĩa “**chỗ trống, hoặc không gian trong nhà, xưởng ...**” chúng ta dùng kèm với “**the.**” *I tried to park my car, but **the space** was too small.*
 - **Television**: khi dùng với nghĩa “**một phương tiện truyền thông.**” *I watch **TV** a lot, but I don't listen to the radio.* Tuy nhiên, khi chỉ chiếc “**TV như một cái máy,**” chúng ta dùng kèm với “**the.**” *Can you turn off **the television**, please?*
- Các trường hợp không dùng với “**the**”:
 - **Các bữa ăn**: *Breakfast, lunch, dinner.* *We had **lunch** in a very nice restaurant.*
 - **Các danh từ được định danh bằng số hay chữ cái**: *size 43, platform 5.* *Our train leaves from **platform 5**.*