

## Cases with No Article

- Proper names in the possessive case (hotels, restaurants, movie theaters, pubs, museums, galleries, etc.): *shopping at Macy's*
- Names of streets, squares, airports, universities, parks, castles, abbeys: *stores on Madison Avenue*
- Separate mountains: *on the top of Mount Washington, NH*
- Names including "Northern," "Southern," "Western," "Eastern": *poverty-stricken areas in Eastern Europe*
- Lakes and rivers with the word "lake/river" preceding the name: *Lake Erie, River Nile*
- Separate islands: *Borneo, Java*
- Cities & towns: *a trip to Boston, a hotel in Middletown* (exception: *the Hague*)
- Countries & states not including the administrative unit name: *Russia, China, America, Japan, Mexico*
- Nouns "school," "college," "prison," "church," "bed," "sea" in the functionality mode: *go to school, attend church, be in prison, go to bed, work after college, be at sea*
- The word "space" meaning the Universe: *a satellite was launched to space*
- Nationalities as a plural: *Americans, Russians*
- The word "television" meaning the media: *I heard the news on television*
- The meals names "breakfast," "lunch," "dinner," "supper," "brunch" in the abstract mode: *to have breakfast, to be off to lunch*
- Sports and sport games: *golf, football, soccer, tennis, chess*
- Members of your own family: *Mother went shopping, I asked Dad*
- Titles as the way of addressing: *I need to talk to Professor*
- Times of the day used as a direct object: *it was early morning, late night, at noon, at midnight*
- Nouns with numbers not including the word or symbol "number": *in room 218, on page 5*
- In the phrases "kind of," "sort of": *What kind of person is he?*
- In the phrase "part of": *It was part of my experience*
- Job title as a direct object: *to be president, to be elected director*
- Pairs: *to be husband & wife, to be boyfriend & girlfriend*
- In the expressions "on foot," "by car/train/plane," "to/in/from town"
- In the expressions "from N to N," "N after N," "N by N" (N is any noun)

## Cases with an Article

- Word combinations "the [superlative]" ("a [superlative]" in the relative usage), "the only," "the very," "the same," "the following," "the last," "the next," "the previous": *the longest river, the only child*
- Global & celestial objects: the sun, the moon, the world, the universe, the sky
- Planet-wide objects: the sea, the ground, the countryside (the country)
- The object as a class or type: *The rose is my favorite flower. The telephone was invented in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.*
- Lakes and rivers with the word "lake/river" following the name: *the Erie Lake, the Nile (River)*
- Island & mountain groups: *the Bahamas, the Canaries, the Alps*
- Objects already known or implied: *turn off the light [in this room], go to the bathroom [in this building]*
- Countries & states including the administrative unit name or in the plural: *the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, the Netherlands*
- Collective nouns: *the rich, the poor, the old, the young, the blind, the disabled, the unemployed, the injured*
- Regions: *the Middle East, the Far East*
- Nationalities as an adjective: *the English, the Japanese*
- The word "television" meaning the device (TV set): *an old broken television*
- The meals names "breakfast," "lunch," "dinner," "supper," "brunch" in the factual mode: *a nice lunch, a wonderful breakfast*
- Musical instruments in the abstract mode (usually with the verb "to play"): *to play the guitar, playing the piano*
- The words "the police," "the army"
- The word "radio": *news on the radio*
- Nouns with numbers including the word or symbol "number": *around the building #5*
- Sea and ocean names: *the Baltic Sea, the Atlantic Ocean*
- Newspaper names: *the New York Times, the Washington Post*