

## Definite Article

### The

Used to speak about unique nouns.

- The sun is going to set.
- The moon is round.

Used to specify.

- I want the orange pencil, not the blue one.

Used when the noun is known to all.

- Have you fed the dog yet?
- Do you know where the children are?

Used for later mentions of the same noun in the conversation.

- There is a new bar in the city. The new bar opens at six.
- There is a new student in our class. The new student is Spanish.

Used with superlatives.

- The fastest car is a Ferrari.
- The slowest animal is a sloth.

Used with oceans, rivers, seas and mountain ranges.

- The Indian Ocean.
- The Nile.
- The Atlantic Ocean.
- The Mediterranean Sea.
- The Himalayas.

Used with some countries when the name of the country has a noun in it.

- The Czech Republic.
- The United Kingdom.
- The United States.
- The Republic of Ireland.

Used with groups of islands.

- The Philippines.
- The Bahamas.