

What a thing or a person is.

- The sun is a star.
 - Dallas is a city in Texas.
- For jobs
- Mark is an engineer.

A / An

An undetermined object

- I've got **a** car (there are many cars and I've got one)
- Can I ask **a** question? (there are many questions, can I ask one?)
- Is there **a** hotel near here?(there are many hotels is there ones near here?)

A determined object

- I'm going to clean **the** car tomorrow. (= my car)
- Can you repeat **the** question, please? (= the question that you asked)
- I bought **a** jacket and **a** shirt. **The** jacket was cheap but **the** shirt was expensive.
- 'Where's Tom?' 'In **the** kitchen.' (= the kitchen in this house or flat)
- Excuse me, where is **the** nearest bank?

- **the sun** / the world / the sky / the sea:
- **the police** / the fire brigade / the army:
- **the top** / the end / the middle - write your name at the top of the page.
- (play) **the piano** / the guitar - Paula is learning to play the piano.

breakfast / lunch (not 'the breakfast'):

- What did you have for breakfast?
- next or **last week**/ month/ year
- I'm not working next week.

The

- '**Republic**'/'**states**'/'**kingdom**': THE Republic of Ireland / the USA
- **Plural** names - the Netherlands , the Canary Islands.
- Names of **oceans / seas**: the Atlantic, the Amazon
- The north/ the middle (of...): the north of Italy
- Names with ... **of ...the** Republic of Ireland / the Great Wall of China

No THE

- **Places** - France is a very large country. (not 'the France')
- Names of **streets, squares**.: Newton Street. Times Square
- **Hotels, restaurants, cinemas**: the Hilton Hotel, the Star of India
- **Places** airport/ university: Kennedy Airport, Cambridge University

the same ...

- We live in **the same street**. (not 'in same Street')
- 'Are these two books different?' 'No, they're **the same**.' (not 'they're same')

One / Ones

Singular

- I need a **pen**. Have you got **one**? (**one = a pen**)
- Which **car** is yours? **This one** or **that one**? (= this car or that car)
- I don't like the black **coat** but I like **the** brown **one**.
- This **cup** is dirty. Can I have **a clean one**?

Plural

- I don't like the red **shoes** but I like **the green ones**.
- These **cups** are dirty. Can we have **some clean ones**?
- Which flowers do you want? **These or those?** (*not usually* 'these ones/those ones')