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Class VI
English 1

Chapter - 4

ARTICLES

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The

We use the

- ▶ before a noun when we want to make it particular:

I have read **the** book you are talking of.

(not any book but the book you are talking of)

Let us walk towards **the** front gate.

(not any gate but the front gate)

- ▶ with superlatives:

the sweetest song, **the most intelligent** student

- ▶ with such words as *first, last, next, only, same, following, previous*:

the last bench, **the only** son, **the next** house

But *the* is not used with such expressions as:

last night/week/month/year; next week/month/year

What did you eat **last night**?

(the last night ✗)

Will you come here **next Sunday**?

(the next Sunday ✗)

- ▶ with a common noun when that noun represents the whole class:

The dog is a faithful animal.

The elephant has a remarkable memory.

Or we can say:

Elephants have a remarkable memory.

- ▶ with such nouns as *earth, moon, sun, sky, etc.* (These things are the only ones of their kind but they are not proper nouns.):

We could see **the moon** in **the sky**.

The earth revolves round **the sun**.

- ▶ with the names of

rivers: **the Ganga, the Mahanadi**

seas and oceans: **the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean**

mountain ranges: **the Himalayas, the Alps**

holy books: **the Bible, the Mahabharata**

trains, ships, aeroplanes: **the Taj Express, the Kanishka** (name of an aircraft)

newspapers: **the Indian Express, the Hindu**

well-known buildings: **the Taj, the Gateway of India**

countries if the name contains a common noun: **the United States of America, the United Kingdom** (*states* and *kingdom* are common nouns)

the directions: **the north, the west**

the whole families: **the Bhatias, the Mangeshkars**

In such word combinations as:

to speak **the** truth

on **the** one hand

in **the** morning

to play **the** violin

on **the** other hand

in **the** afternoon

Note the use of *the* in the following:

The rich should help **the poor**.

(Rich people should help poor people.)

The more we get, **the more** we desire.

The higher we go, **the cooler** it is.

Cloth is sold by **the metre**.

We can buy oranges by **the dozen**.

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'the' is a definite article.

Some examples.

The Pope is visiting Russia.

The moon is very bright tonight.

Who is the president of France?

He is the tallest boy ~~of~~ in the class.

We live in a small house next to the church.

Look at the boy over there.

Joe plays the piano really well.

She is learning the guitar.

I heard the news on the radio.

You should tell the police.

Paris is the capital of France.

I love to sail over the water. (~~any~~ some specific body of water)

Let's read the book. (a specific book)

Exercise 2.

Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the' where necessary:

1. You will get all _____ data you need in this pen drive.
2. _____ industrial fair was inaugurated in _____ city by _____ Chief Minister.
3. _____ moon was not visible in _____ sky, but we could see _____ few stars.
4. Please show me _____ letter you have received.
5. _____ more you read, _____ more you know.
6. _____ sun rises in _____ east and sets in _____ west.
7. _____ petrol is sold by _____ litre.
8. _____ Ganga rises in _____ Himalayas and fall into _____ Bay of Bengal.

9. _____ Hindustan Times has _____ largest scale in _____ northern part of _____ India.

10. _____ U. S. A. is _____ industrialised country.

11. Last evening, _____ Prime Minister went to see _____ President.

12. _____ cobra is _____ very poisonous animal.

13. The book contains _____ moral stories from _____ Mahabharata.

14. _____ stone hit him on _____ road.

Exercise 1. [ANSWERS]

Use 'a' or 'an' where necessary.

- i) Children, do not make a noise in the corridor.
- ii) We came to a lake with an island in the middle.
- iii) Ruchi is spending her holidays at Shimla with an aunt of hers.
- iv) I can not help you. I have a severe headache.
- v) What a nuisance! Our train is late by at least an hour.
- vi) Mr Khanna is an honourable man and X honourable men are always fair and just.

- vii) She is very fond of X tea. We should give her a cup of tea immediately.
- viii) It is a pleasure to know that your father has been elected an M.P.
- ix) X cheese, X butter, X iron and X milk are substances.
- x) We have formed a union. Sandeep is an active member of our union.
- xi) Yesterday I saw a European riding an elephant.
- xii) An uncle of mine who is an artist was hit by an arrow.
- xiii) It is a tree.
- xiv) I have bought an umbrella.
- xv) He is a man who is loved for his X kindness.

[To be continued]

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Answers will be provided to you in the next English 1 class.

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