

Class VI

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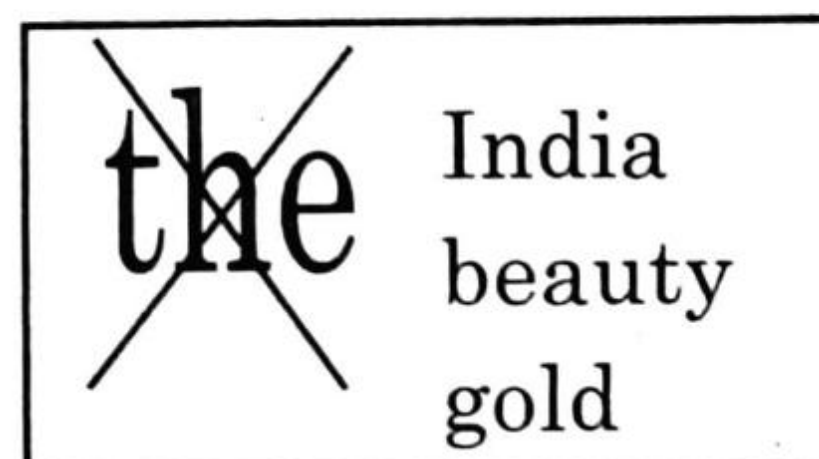
## The Omission of *the*

- Normally we do not use *the* with proper nouns, abstract nouns and such nouns as *gold, silver, water, wood, etc.*, which name materials:

**India** is a great country.

**Beauty** is admired by all.

**Gold** is a precious metal.



But when we use these nouns as particular ones, we have to use **the** with them:

**The India** of the 21st century is going to be a superpower.

**The beauty** of NurJahan is famous all over the world.

**The gold** we have purchased today seems to be pure.

- We do not use *the* with these phrases:

to take place

to take part in

to take care of

to take interest in

to take heart

to be at fault

to make use of

to lose heart

out of doors

to pay attention to

from head to foot

day by day

on foot

at home

by mistake

by train

by bus

by chance

## The Repetition of *the*

Look at these two sentences:

**The** poet and **the** dramatist *have* been honoured.

**The** poet and dramatist *has* been honoured.

The first sentence in which we have used *the* twice speaks of two different persons, one of whom is a poet and the other a dramatist. The second sentence suggests that the same person is both a poet and a dramatist.

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## Omission of 'the' article.

### Before uncountable nouns

Honey is sweet. (~~The~~ honey is sweet)  
Wisdom is better than riches.

### Before plural countable nouns in a general sense.

Children usually rush about.

Computers are useful machines.

[Plural nouns take 'the' articles when they are used in a particular sense.]

Where are the children? (Which children?)

### Before Proper nouns.

India is a democratic country. (~~The~~ India --)

### Before the names of meals

Mother is cooking lunch.

Dinner is ready.

[I had a late dinner yesterday. [a + adjective + meal]]

[The lunch we had at the restaurant was good.]

### Particular meal

### Before languages.

Can you speak English? [--- ~~the~~ English?]

He speaks French at home. [--- ~~the~~ French ---]

Before school, college, university, church,  
bed, hospital, prison, etc.

His grandmother is still in hospital.  
We learn English at school.  
He is at university.

[ 'The' is used before these words when the reference is to the building or object rather than to the normal activity that goes on there.]

I met her at the church. [Here the reference is to the building and not to the activity that is going on there.]

I went to the hospital to see my friend.

### Exercise 3.

Fill in the blanks with suitable articles where necessary.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ sooner it is done, \_\_\_\_\_ better it will be.
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ shame! You have beaten \_\_\_\_\_ innocent child.
3. Last Saturday, I went to \_\_\_\_\_ school to meet \_\_\_\_\_ old teacher of mine.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Kalidas is usually described as \_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare of \_\_\_\_\_ India.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ milk used to make this ice cream is of a pure quality.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ children should drink \_\_\_\_\_ milk every day.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ mankind should ~~love~~ love \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ black and \_\_\_\_\_ white cow is for sale.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ word to \_\_\_\_\_ wise is sufficient.
10. He is truly \_\_\_\_\_ great human being but he is not \_\_\_\_\_ Gandhi.

#### Exercise 4.

Insert 'a', 'an' or 'the' where necessary:

Michael Jordan has been one of the most famous players from USA. One day as child he went home in tears and told his mother that he had not been selected in team because he was too small. Mother said, "Son, it is not size of a person in game that matters but size of game in person."

Michael looked puzzled, for he had not understood what mother meant. "Your small size has nothing to do with your rejection. Coach must have seen that as player you needed to mature, lot before you could make it to team," mother explained.

Next morning Michael woke up early and started practising. When next season came, he tried again and made it to team.

## ANSWERS

### Exercise 2.

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

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



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

10. The U.S.A. is an industrialised country.

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

12. X cobra is a very poisonous animal.

13. The book contains X moral stories from the Mahabharata.

14. A stone hit him on the road.

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[Answers will be provided in the next English 1 class.]

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