

The Big City

Lesson 10 · The Definite Article + Adjective Order · A1 · 30 min

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★ **In this lesson you will learn to:**

- Use **the** when both people know which one
- Know when NOT to use **the**
- Compare **a/an** vs **the**
- Put adjectives **BEFORE** the noun: *the big city*
- Describe places and things with adjective + noun

1 Warm-Up: A, An or The?

You already know **a / an** (Lesson 4). Now meet **the** — the definite article. And see where adjectives go!

the city <i>we know WHICH</i>	big city <i>adjective + noun</i>	the big city <i>the + adj + noun</i>
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★ **Two rules today:** 1) Use **the** when we know which one (not just "any"). 2) Adjectives go **BEFORE** the noun: *the **old** church, a **beautiful** park.*

2 A Walk Through London

The class visits central London. Listen for **the** and **adjectives before nouns**.

Central London. The class stands near the Thames.

Mr Brown Welcome to **the** centre of London! That is **the famous** River Thames.

Anna **The** river is so **wide**! And what is **the tall** building over there?

Mr Brown That is **the** Shard. It's **the tallest** building in London.

Marco I can see a **big** wheel! Is that **the** London Eye?

Mr Brown Yes! **The** London Eye is a **popular** tourist attraction. There are **beautiful** views from **the** top.

Yuki I love **the old** buildings. Look at **the beautiful** bridge!

Mr Brown That's Tower Bridge — **the** most **famous** bridge in **the** city.

Anna I want to visit **the big** museum. Is **the** British Museum near here?

Mr Brown Not far! It's a **free** museum with **amazing** collections.

Marco London is a **fantastic** city. **The** people are **friendly**, **the** food is **delicious**.

Yuki But **the** weather is **cold** today. Can we find a **warm** café?

Mr Brown There's a **nice little** café on **the next** street. Let's go!

■ **the** = we know which one ■ **adjective** = describes the noun

3 City & Adjective Words

10 city nouns + 10 useful adjectives.

English	Turkish	Example with the + adjective
a city	<i>şehir</i>	the biggest city
a river	<i>nehir</i>	the famous river
a bridge	<i>köprü</i>	the old bridge
a building	<i>bina</i>	the tall building
a museum	<i>müze</i>	the big museum
a park	<i>park</i>	the green park
a street	<i>sokak</i>	the busy street
a view	<i>manzara</i>	the beautiful view
a tourist	<i>turist</i>	the happy tourists
weather	<i>hava durumu</i>	the cold weather
big / small	<i>büyük / küçük</i>	a big city
old / new	<i>eski / yeni</i>	the old bridge
tall / short	<i>uzun / kısa</i>	the tall building
beautiful	<i>güzel</i>	a beautiful park
famous / popular	<i>ünlü / popüler</i>	the famous museum
hot / cold	<i>sıcak / soğuk</i>	the hot weather
friendly	<i>samimi</i>	the friendly people
delicious	<i>lezzetli</i>	the delicious food
free / expensive	<i>ücretsiz / pahalı</i>	a free museum
amazing	<i>harika</i>	an amazing city

4 Grammar: 'The' + Adjective Order

Three boxes: when to use the, a/an vs the, and adjective position.

▶ A. When Do We Use 'the'?

Use **the** when both speaker and listener know **which one**.

Use 'the' when...	Example
There is only one	The sun. The moon.
We said it before	I have a cat. The cat is black.
We both know which one	Open the door. (this room)
With superlatives	The tallest building. The best.
Unique places/things	The Thames. The British Museum.

! Don't use 'the' with: names (*Anna*), cities (*London*), languages (*English*), meals (*breakfast*).

★ B. A/An vs The

a / an	the
any one (first time) I see a cat.	this specific one The cat is on the sofa.
singular only a park, an apple	singular AND plural the park, the parks
first mention There's a museum.	second mention / known The museum is free.

▶ C. Adjective Order: BEFORE the Noun

In English, adjectives come **BEFORE** the noun — not after!

Wrong ✗	Right ✓	Pattern
<i>the city big</i>	the big city	the + adj + noun
<i>a bridge old</i>	an old bridge	a/an + adj + noun
<i>parks green</i>	green parks	adj + noun

★ **Remember:** Article + Adjective + Noun. Always: **the + beautiful + park.**

5 Game: A, An or The?

10 sentences. Circle the correct article.

#	Sentence	Answer
1	Look at ___ River Thames!	the
2	I can see ___ big wheel.	a
3	That is ___ tallest building in London.	the
4	There is ___ old church on the corner.	an
5	___ British Museum is free.	The
6	I have ___ new phone. ___ phone is great!	a ... The
7	London is ___ big city.	a
8	___ weather is cold today.	The
9	She works in ___ hospital near ___ park.	a ... the
10	___ sun is very hot today.	The

6 Quick Check

6 questions. Circle your answer.

1. When do we use 'the'?

- A. Any thing
- B. A specific thing we know
- C. A vowel noun

2. Which is correct?

- A. the city big
- B. the big city
- C. big the city

3. 'I have a dog. ___ dog is friendly.'

- A. A
- B. An
- C. The

4. We DON'T use 'the' with...

- A. rivers (the Thames)
- B. cities (London)
- C. superlatives (the best)

5. 'She lives in ___ old house.'

- A. a
- B. an
- C. the

6. Which word order is correct?

- A. a park beautiful
- B. a beautiful park
- C. beautiful a park

★ Quiz Answer Key: 1. **B** · 2. **B** · 3. **C** · 4. **B** · 5. **B** · 6. **B**

7 Fill in the Blanks

Add **the** / **a** / **an** or put words in the correct order.

1. ___ River Thames is very long.

2. I can see ___ tall building.

3. It's ___ most famous bridge.

4. Look at ___ (old / bridge).

5. There is ___ amazing museum here.

6. ___ weather is cold today.

7. We visit ___ (beautiful / park).

8. Let's go to ___ British Museum.

★ **Answer Key:**

1. **The** · 2. **a** · 3. **the** · 4. **the old bridge** · 5. **an** · 6. **The** · 7. **a beautiful park** · 8. **the**

8 Your Turn: Speaking & Writing

Describe your city using **the** and **adjectives**!

► Speaking Task: My City Tour

Imagine you are a tour guide. Describe 3 places to a partner using **the** and at least 3 **adjectives**.

Example:

Welcome to Istanbul! **The beautiful** Bosphorus is **the most famous** waterway. Look at **the old** mosques — they are **amazing**. And **the** food is **delicious**!

Prompts:

- What is the most famous place in your city?
- Describe the weather.
- What are the people like?
- What is the best restaurant or café?

► Writing Task: The Best City (5 Sentences)

Write **5 sentences** about a city you love. Use **the** at least 3 times and a different **adjective** in each.

Example:

The best city in **the** world is Rome. **The old** buildings are **incredible**. **The** food is **amazing**. **The friendly** people always smile. It is a **beautiful, historic** city.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

★ Lesson Complete!

- ✓ I know when to use **'the'**
- ✓ I know **a/an vs the**
- ✓ Adjective goes **BEFORE** the noun
- ✓ I can describe my city