

(ENGLISH)

OMISSION OF THE DEFINITE ARTICLE

1. 'THE' is not used before a **Proper Noun** (name of place or person).

The Delhi (Wrong)**The Sita (Wrong)**

Delhi (Correct)

Sita (Correct)

Exception:

If **Proper noun** is used as **Common noun**, 'THE' is used with it.

Kapil is the Johny Lever of the modern Bollywood.

2. 'THE' is not used before **the names of languages**.

The English is spoken by the English. (Wrong)

English is spoken by the English. (Correct)

Exception:

If we refer to **nationality**, 'THE' can be used with the words that denote **languages** because at the given time, they are showing languages.

The English were not happy with the French.

3. 'THE' is not used before **the names of festivals**.

The Diwali (Wrong)**The Holi (Wrong)**

Diwali (Correct)

Holi (Correct)

Exception:

If the word **holiday/holidays** are used together with **festivals/holidays**, 'THE' is used.

Holi Holidays (Wrong)**Christmas Holiday (Wrong)**

The Holi Holidays (Correct)

The Christmas Holiday (Correct)

4. When **School, College, University, Temple, Mosque, Bed, Market, Hospital, Jail, Prison, Court, table**, etc. are used for **the primary purpose** for which they are made then 'THE' is not used.

Ram goes to the school every day. (Wrong)

Ram goes to school every day. (Correct)

Exception:

If the **above mentioned places** are used for some **other purposes**, 'THE' is used:

This is the school where I studied. (Correct)