

## Unit 77 Names of streets, buildings etc. with and without the

**a** We do not normally use **the** with names of streets/roads/squares etc.:

**Regent Street** (not 'the ...')      **Fifth Avenue**      **Piccadilli Circus**  
**Cromwell Road**                      **Broadway**                      **Red Square**

There are some exceptions (for example: 'The Mall' in London).

**b** Many names (for example, of airports or universities) are two words:

**Kennedy Airport**      **Cambridge University**

The first word is usually the name of a person ('Kennedy') or a place ('Cambridge'). We do not usually say **the** with the names like these:

**Victoria Station** (not 'the ...')      **Edinburgh Castle**                      **Hyde Park**  
**Westminster Abbey**                      **Buckingham Palace**                      **London Zoo**  
**Canterbury Cathedral**

But we say '**the** White House', '**the** Royal Palace' because 'white' and 'royal' are not names.

This is only a general rule. There are exceptions. See section **c** for hotels etc. and section **e** for names with **of**.

**c** We usually say **the** before names of these places:

*hotels*                      **the** Hilton (Hotel), **the** Station Hotel  
*restaurants/pubs*      **the** Bombay Restaurant, **the** Red Lion (pub)  
*theatres*                      **the** Palace Theatre, **the** National Theatre  
*cinemas*                      **the** ABC, **the** Odeon, **the** Classic  
*museums/galleries*      **the** British Museum, **the** Tate Gallery

Again there are exceptions. See also section **d** of this unit.

**d** Many shops, restaurants, hotels, banks etc. are named after the people who started them. These names end in **s** or **'s**. We do not use **the** with these names:

*shops*                      **Selfridges** (not 'the Selfridges'), **Harrods**  
*restaurants*                      **Maxin's**, **Macdonalds**, **Luigi's** Italian Restaurant  
*hotels*                      **Claridge's**  
*banks*                      **Barclays** Bank, **Lloyds** Bank

Churches are usually named after saints (**St** = saint):

**St John's** Church                      **St Paul's** Cathedral

**e** We say **the** before the names of places, buildings etc. with **of**:

**the** Bank **of** England (not 'Bank of England')      **the** Great Wall **of** China  
**the** Houses **of** Parliament                      **The** Museum **of** Modern Art  
**the** Tower **of** London

**f** We say **the** with the names of newspapers:

**the** *Times*                      **the** *Washington Post*                      **the** *Evening Standard*

*museums/galleries*      **the** British Museum, **the** Tate Gallery