

## 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.:

<b>Regent Street</b> (not 'the ...')	<b>Fifth Avenue</b>	<b>Piccadilli Circus</b>
<b>Cromwell Road</b>	<b>Broadway</b>	<b>Red Square</b>

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:

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

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:

<i>hotels</i>	<b>the</b> Hilton (Hotel), <b>the</b> Station Hotel
<i>restaurants/pubs</i>	<b>the</b> Bombay Restaurant, <b>the</b> Red Lion (pub)
<i>theatres</i>	<b>the</b> Palace Theatre, <b>the</b> National Theatre
<i>cinemas</i>	<b>the</b> ABC, <b>the</b> Odeon, <b>the</b> Classic
<i>museums/galleries</i>	<b>the</b> British Museum, <b>the</b> 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:

<i>shops</i>	<b>Selfridges</b> (not 'the Selfridges'), <b>Harrods</b>
<i>restaurants</i>	<b>Maxin's</b> , <b>Macdonalds</b> , <b>Luigi's</b> Italian Restaurant
<i>hotels</i>	<b>Claridge's</b>
<i>banks</i>	<b>Barclays</b> Bank, <b>Lloyds</b> 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**:

<b>the</b> Bank <b>of</b> England (not 'Bank of England')	<b>the</b> Great Wall <b>of</b> China
<b>the</b> Houses <b>of</b> Parliament	<b>The</b> Museum <b>of</b> Modern Art
<b>the</b> Tower <b>of</b> 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