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Hello everyone!

I hope you are all well!

Just a couple of things: a quiz and a mini lesson on how to use the article **the** in English.

Do this grammar level check quiz to revise most of what we've seen thus year! [Click here to take the free quiz](#). Answers are included!

Best regards,

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This lesson is A2 (pre-intermediate) level

Mini lesson on the use of article the before nouns

Sometimes when we use a **noun**, we want to talk about a particular thing (or a particular group of things). For example, I might have a certain car in my mind. If I think the person that I'm talking to knows which car I mean, I use 'the'.

On the other hand, sometimes we want to talk about cars in general. In this case, I'm not thinking of a particular car or group of cars. Instead I'm thinking about all the cars in the world. I want to say something about cars in general.

- **Cars** cause a lot of pollution (cars in general)
- He likes **cars** (cars in general).

Usually, when we are talking in general, we use 'no article' with a plural or uncountable noun. Remember, we usually can't use 'no article' with singular countable nouns.

- She loves **cats** (= she loves all cats, cats in general).
- He hates **rice** (= he hates all rice, rice in general).



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Let's practise! Choose 'the' if we're talking about something specific and 'no article' if we're talking about something in general.

- 1) He likes ___ mushrooms.
- 2) He likes ___ mushrooms that you cook.
- 3) I saw ___ cars that were in the garage.
- 4) ___ cars are expensive.
- 5) ___ pasta is popular in Italy.
- 6) Please pass ___ pasta (it's on our table).

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Answers

- 1) He likes mushrooms.
- 2) He likes the mushrooms that you cook.
- 3) I saw the cars that were in the garage.
- 4) Cars are expensive.
- 5) Pasta is popular in Italy.
- 6) Please pass the pasta (it's on our table).