

FUMC ESL 12-7-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

QUIZ

In the last lesson you learned when to use **THE** and when to leave it out. Take this quiz to see if you remember the rules. Put **THE** in the blank where it is needed. If it is not needed, leave it blank.

1. We stayed at a great hotel, but I don't remember _____ name of it.
2. Tom's name is at _____ top of the list.
3. I woke up in _____ middle of _____ night.
4. I don't often watch _____ TV, but I do listen to _____ radio.
5. My sister got married _____ last month.
6. My brother plays _____ guitar and I play _____ piano.
7. How far is it to _____ stadium?
8. Did you have _____ breakfast before you came?
9. Hurry up! _____ dinner is ready.
10. I liked her _____ first time I met her.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT "THE"

1. We never use **THE** with home. We say, "I'm going home." NOT "I'm going the home." We also don't say, "I'm going to home."
2. We say, "I'm going to the bank." BUT "I'm going to school."
3. We say "I'm in the train station." BUT "I'm in prison."
4. We say, "I'm going to the store." BUT "I'm going to church."
5. We say, "I'm going to the bathroom." BUT "I'm going to bed."
6. We say, "I slept all night." NOT "I slept all the night."
7. Don't use "the" before sports. EX: "He plays football." NOT "He plays the football." "He loves skiing." NOT "He loves the skiing."
8. Don't use "the" before languages or subjects in school. EX: "I study history." NOT "I study the history." "She speaks French well." NOT "She speaks the French well."
9. When we are talking about something in general, we don't use **THE**. When we are talking about a specific thing, we do use **THE**. EX: We say, "I love to eat meat." AND "I will eat the meat, but I don't like it." "I write letters to my mother every week." "I will write the letter to Mother, if you write the letter to Dad."

More examples:

I love to smell flowers. You should water the flowers or they will die.

Life is not possible without water. This is the life I want to have when I retire.

Exams are so hard for me. The exam was really hard.

EXERCISE: Decide if **THE** is needed. Leave it blank if you don't need **THE**.

1. _____ money doesn't always bring happiness.

2. I like _____ hotels with nice restaurants in them.
3. Keep _____ money in your pocket so no one steals it.
4. _____ English is used in international business.
5. _____ words with the long U sound are hard to pronounce.
6. These are _____ I want you to memorize.
7. My hobby is taking _____ pictures.
8. I am afraid to speak to _____ people because my _____ English is so bad.
9. Do you want to see _____ pictures I took?
10. My brother is studying _____ physics and _____ chemistry.
11. I hate _____ cold weather.
12. _____ weather in Austin is usually mild.
13. We don't eat _____ beef often.
14. _____ beef was tough, but _____ lamb was tender.
15. She plays _____ soccer on a coed team.
16. He plays _____ computer games all day.
17. _____ vegetables in my garden are better than those at _____ grocery store.
18. _____ rooms in this hotel are very small.
19. I don't know much about _____ art.
20. My uncle sells _____ computers.

Pronunciation

The teacher will say one of the words in the word pairs. Circle the word you hear. Then check your answers.

tuba	tuna		tutor	tour		tulip	tube
tumor	tutor		student	stupid		duty	tutor
duel	cruel		rumor	tumor		ruin	rule
ruby	truly		rude	tube		tuba	tutor
improve	approve		move	remove		improve	remove
cue	cure		brew	drew		drew	due
lower	lure		sore	sure		pull	bull
pedal	paddle		own	groan		crew	clue

DISCUSS

1. What is your duty to your family?
2. What styles of dress do you NOT approve of? For example: short skirts, expensive jewelry, head scarves, clothes with holes, tank tops for men, flip flops
3. How important is it to own the latest technology available? What is the latest technology you own?