

The Zero Article

Use	Example Sentence
Next and last <i>*EXCEPTION: When next and last are used as ranking words, we use the definite article instead. E.g. The next album will be called Blue Sky.</i>	Next year, we're going to France Last weekend I visited my grandma
Plural or uncountable nouns	I love flowers She likes chocolate
With the words home, work, school, church, university, bed, college, class, jail	Let's go to school I'll see you later at church
With names of hospitals, schools, churches, shopping centres	I was born in London hospital I went to Queen Margaret's School
Meals	When do you want dinner? What is for breakfast?
Days of the week	It's Monday My favourite day is Saturday
Months of the year	This month is July My birthday is in October
Names of streets and roads	I live on Culver Road Turn left at Rover Street
Abstract Nouns	Knowledge is power Love is all around
Countries and cities	I lived in Spain Madrid is the capital of Spain
Lakes, mountains and islands	Mount Everest is tall Lake Victoria's source is the River Nile
Languages <i>*EXCEPTION: When used as an adjective directly before the word language. E.g. The English language is widely spoken.</i>	English is a widely spoken language I speak French, German, English and Spanish
Go, walk, move + compass direction	We moved north of the city because it was prettier We went south on the motorway
Diseases <i>*EXCEPTIONS: the flu, the mumps, the measles, the chicken pox</i>	Cancer kills millions of people every year Dementia affects many people