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# THE

- ◆ We use **the** when there is only one of something.

**The** earth goes round **the** sun and **the** moon goes round **the** earth



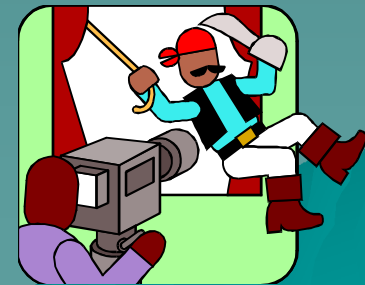
# THE

- ◆ We say **the** sky, **the** sea, **the** ground, **the** country, **the** environment.
- ◆ We say **the** cinema, **the** theater

We must do more to protect **the** environment.



I often go to **the** cinema.



# THE

- ◆ When we are talking about things or people in general, we do *not* use '**the**'.

- I'm afraid of **dogs**



- **Crime** is a problem in most big cities.



# STUDY THESE SENTENCES

- The giraffe is **the** tallest of all animals.
- **The** bicycle is an excellent means of transport.
- When was **the** telephone invented?
- **The** dollar is **the** currency of **the** United States.

In the examples **the** does not mean one particular thing. **The giraffe** is one particular type of animal, *not* one particular giraffe.

# THE

- ◆ We do not use 'the' with names of people.
- ◆ We do not normally use 'the' with names of places.

*Continents*

*Countries*

*States, regions*

*Cities, towns*

*Mountains*

Africa

France

Texas

Cairo

Everest



# THE

- We use 'the' with the names of oceans, seas, rivers and canals.

**The** Atlantic (Ocean), **The** Mediterranean (Sea), **The** (river) Amazonas.

- We use 'the' with plural names of people and places.

**The** Taylors (the Taylor family), **The** United States, **The** Canaries (the Canary Islands)