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Если существительное представляет собой собирательный образ, а не конкретный предмет, то оно употребляется с определенным артиклем.

В этой функции определенный артикль употребляется с исчисляемыми существительными в единственном числе для обозначения класса предметов.

- животные *The giraffe* is an animal with a long neck.
- растения *The rose* is a beautiful flower.
- изобретения, машины *The bus* is a means of transport.
- музыкальные инструменты He always listens to *the radio* in the morning.
- группы людей или социальные классы (*the aristocracy, the nobility, the public, the press, the clergy, the police*) He plays *the piano* very well.
- религиозные, партийные группы (*the Anglicans, the Protestants, the Republicans, the Tories*) He belongs to *the nobility*.  
He is afraid of *the police*.
- He is sure *the Democrats* will come to power this year.

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Слово **television** не употребляется с артиклем.

He liked to watch *television*.

Существительные **man** и **woman** в обобщенном значении употребляются без артикля.

*The dog* is a friend of *man*.

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Определенный артикль в обобщающем значении также употребляется:

- с некоторыми субстантивированными прилагательными.  
*The young* know better than *the old* nowadays.
- с прилагательными, обозначающими национальную принадлежность (*the Germans, the Russians, the Brazilians, the French, etc*).  
Do you think *the English* are fond of their weather?

## 4.1

Вставьте артикли, где это необходимо.

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1. Which of you can play ..... horn? – I can. Have you got ..... horn?
2. .... euro is ..... new currency.
3. The ambulance came and took ..... injured to hospital.
4. .... Swiss speak four foreign languages.
5. .... violet is my wife's favourite flower. I always give her ..... violets.
6. .... telephone was invented by Bell. Nowadays almost all people have ..... tele-  
phones.
7. .... airplane is the most popular means of transport because ..... airplanes fly very  
quickly.
8. I want to buy ..... new computer. .... computer I have is very slow.
9. Nowadays ..... life is impossible without ..... computer.
10. In English ..... verb usually follows ..... noun in ..... positive sentence.
11. .... governments of the world should take care of ..... sick and ..... poor.
12. .... man began to explore ..... space in the fifties of the 19th century.
13. He is ..... Frenchman and can tell ..... good wine from ..... bad wine.  
..... French are known for their wines.
14. .... Chinese invented ..... paper about a thousand years ago.

## 4.2

Составьте предложения при помощи заданных слов.

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✦ *The lion . is the king of all animals.*

1. .... needs very little water.
2. .... lives in African rivers.
3. .... lives in Australia only.
4. .... is very small.
5. .... lives with man.
6. .... gives milk.

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| <i>kangaroo</i>  |
| <i>mouse</i>     |
| <i>camel</i>     |
| <i>crocodile</i> |
| <i>dog</i>       |
| <i>cow</i>       |

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1. .... must go to hospital.
2. .... have little money.
3. .... have no job.
4. .... are people over seventy.
5. .... have no home.
6. .... are people about twenty years old.

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| <i>unemployed</i> |
| <i>old</i>        |
| <i>poor</i>       |
| <i>homeless</i>   |
| <i>sick</i>       |
| <i>young</i>      |

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1. .... speak Portuguese.
2. .... speak French and English.
3. .... speak French.
4. .... speak English.
5. .... speak Spanish.
6. .... speak Chinese.

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| <i>Canadians</i>   |
| <i>Chinese</i>     |
| <i>Mexicans</i>    |
| <i>Australians</i> |
| <i>Brazilians</i>  |
| <i>French</i>      |