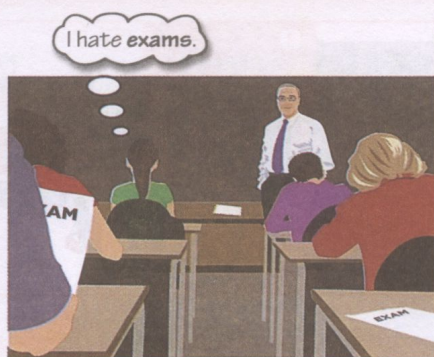
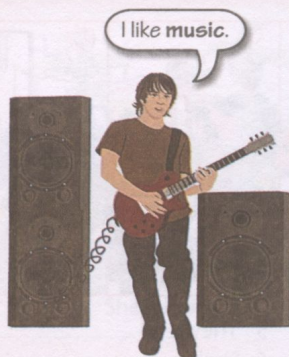


## I like music I hate exams



We do not use **the** for general ideas:

- ☐ I like **music**, especially **classical music**.  
(not the music ... the classical music)
- ☐ We don't eat **meat** very often. (not the meat)
- ☐ **Life** is not possible without **water**.  
(not The life ... the water)
- ☐ I hate **exams**. (not the exams)
- ☐ Is there a store near here that sells **newspapers**?



We do not use **the** for games and sports:

- ☐ My favorite sports are **tennis** and **skiing**. (not the tennis ... the skiing)

We do not use **the** for languages or school subjects (**history/geography/physics/biology**, etc.):

- ☐ Do you think **English** is difficult? (not the English)
- ☐ Tom's brother is studying **physics** and **chemistry**.

## B

## flowers or the flowers?

Compare:

- ☐ **Flowers** are beautiful.  
(= flowers in general)
- ☐ I don't like **cold weather**.  
(= cold weather in general)
- ☐ We don't eat **fish** very often.  
(= fish in general)
- ☐ Are you interested in **history**?  
(= history in general)

- ☐ I love your garden.  
**The flowers** are beautiful.  
(= the flowers in your garden)
- ☐ **The weather** isn't very good today.  
(= the weather today)
- ☐ We had a great meal last night. **The fish** was excellent.  
(= the fish we ate last night)
- ☐ Do you know much about **the history** of your country?





**70.1** What do you think about these things?

- |            |                |           |         |         |
|------------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| big cities | computer games | exams     | jazz    | parties |
| chocolate  | dogs           | housework | museums | tennis  |

Choose seven of these things and write sentences with:

**I like ... I don't like ... I love ... I hate ...**

- 1 I hate exams or I like exams.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

**70.2** Are you interested in these things? Write sentences with:

- |                              |                           |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| I'm (very) interested in ... | I know a lot about ...    | I don't know much about ...     |
| I'm not interested in ...    | I know a little about ... | I don't know anything about ... |

- 1 (history) I'm very interested in history.
- 2 (politics) I
- 3 (sports)
- 4 (art)
- 5 (astronomy)
- 6 (economics)

**70.3** Which is right?

- 1 My favorite sport is football / ~~the football~~. (football is right)
- 2 I like this hotel. ~~Rooms~~ / The rooms are very nice. (The rooms is right)
- 3 Everybody needs friends / ~~the friends~~.
- 4 Rachel doesn't go to parties / ~~the parties~~ very often.
- 5 I went shopping at the mall this morning. Stores / ~~The stores~~ were very crowded.
- 6 "Where's milk / ~~the milk~~?" "It's in the fridge."
- 7 I don't like milk / ~~the milk~~. I never drink it.
- 8 "Do you play any sports?" "Yes, I play basketball / ~~the basketball~~."
- 9 An architect is a person who designs buildings / ~~the buildings~~.
- 10 We went for a swim in the river. Water / ~~The water~~ was very cold.
- 11 I don't like swimming in cold water / ~~the cold water~~.
- 12 Excuse me, can you pass salt / ~~the salt~~, please?
- 13 I like this town. I like people / ~~the people~~ here.
- 14 Vegetables / ~~The vegetables~~ are good for you.
- 15 Houses / ~~The houses~~ on this street are all the same.
- 16 I can't sing this song. I don't know words / ~~the words~~.
- 17 I enjoy taking pictures / ~~the pictures~~. It's my hobby.
- 18 Do you want to see pictures / ~~the pictures~~ that I took when I was on vacation?
- 19 English / ~~The English~~ is used a lot in international business / ~~the international business~~.
- 20 Money / ~~The money~~ doesn't always bring happiness / ~~the happiness~~.