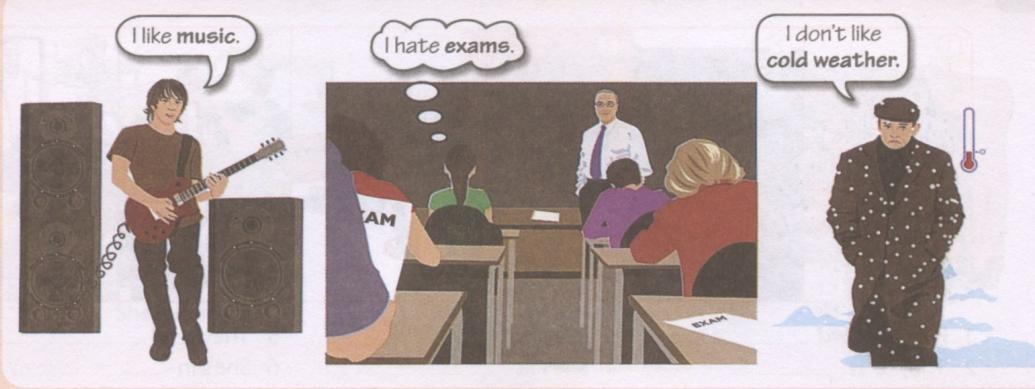


## I like music I hate exams



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**.

## 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?



# Exercises

**70.1** What do you think about these things?big cities  
chocolatecomputer games  
dogsexams  
housework

jazz

museums

parties  
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

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**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.