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Foreword/ Cuvânt înainte

Lucrarea de față este un manual ce vine în ajutorul studenților secției Geografie și Geografia Turismului. Cuprinde lecții care urmăresc acoperirea unei zone importante a însușirii cunoștințelor de gramatică a limbii engleze, dar și un *text educativ* (cu un vocabular general și specializat, plus o serie de exerciții bazate pe folosirea vocabularului sau pe îmbogățirea acestuia). Textele au fost selectate și din surse online, astfel încât studenții să fie cât mai mult în contact cu limba engleză contemporană. De asemenea, studenții se pot familiariza cu vocabularul specializat într-o manieră cât mai antrenantă și modernă. Materialul a fost structurat astfel încât să poată oferi continuitate cursului practic de limba engleză pe parcursul a două sau patru semestre.

Autoarea

I. GRAMMAR

1. GRAMMAR SPOTLIGHT – The Article-The in Geography!

1) **The** is used with names composed entirely or partially of common nouns (the last noun refers to a political union or association)

e.g. The Soviet Union

The United Kingdom

the British Commonwealth, the White House, The Empire State Building, the Parthenon, the Vatican, The Kremlin, The Eiffel Tower, the London Eye

2) The is used with names composed of common nouns plus proper nouns contained „of phrases“:

the Republic of China, the Gulf of Mexico, the Lake of Geneva

3) The is used with all plural names

The Balkans, the Philippines Islands, the Rocky Mountains

4. It is used with most bodies of water

The Mississippi River, the English Channel, the Panama Channel, the Persian Gulf, the Bering Strait (* the word ocean, sea, river may be omitted)

5. mountain ranges (plural ones): the Rocky Mountains,

(* not peaks / or with one mountain): Mount Everest, Bear Mountain

6. peninsulas: the Scandinavian Peninsula,

7. libraries, museums: the Louvre, the Metropolitan Museum

8. points of compass used as names for geographic areas: the South, The Middle East, the Near East but Southern California

9. special points on the globe: the North Pole, the Equator, the 42-nd Parallel

10. hotels, cafes, restaurants, cinemas, theatres and museums: the Ramada Hotel, the Carlyle Hotel, the ABC cafe, the Playhouse, the British Museum

ZERO ARTICLE

1. continents: *Europe, Asia*

2. countries: *Romania, Albania (exceptions: the Congo, the Sudan)*

3. cities, states: *Hong Kong, London, California (exceptions: the Vatican, the Hague)*

4. lakes, bays: *lake Michigan, Hudson Bay BUT the Bay of Biscay*

5. islands: *Coney Island, Wake Island*

6. universities, colleges: *Columbia University, The University of California*

7. streets, avenues, boulevards: *Pennsylvania Avenue, Forty-Second Street*

8. parks: *Hyde Park, Central Park*

Let's practise!

1. Supply THE whenever necessary:

1.Amazon is the largest river system in the world.
2.North America is bounded on the east byAtlantic Ocean and on the west by.....Pacific Ocean.
3. A few seas have the names of colours:Black Sea....Red Sea,.....Yellow Sea.
4.Suez Canal is in.....Middle East.
5.Mediterranean is a beautiful sea.
6.Allegheny Mountains are in the eastern part of....North America.
7.St. Petersburg is now calledLeningrad.
8.Far East or.....Orient refers to the area ofAsia where.....China andJapan are located.
9. He used to live in....South, but then he moved to.....California.
10.Balkan Peninsula is surrounded byBlack Sea and....Adriatic, Ionian and Aegean Seas ofMediterranean.
11.Russia and....Alaska almost meet at.....Bering Strait.
12.Brazil covers nearly half the continent ofSouth America.
13.Norway and.....Sweden occupyScandinavian Peninsula.
14.Portugal and Spain comprise.....Iberian Peninsula.
15.Strait of Gibraltar separates Europe from.....Africa.
16. Tea is grown in many parts of.....southern Asia, especially in.....India and....Ceylon.
17.British Museum houses an immense library.
18.Louvre and.....Metropolitan Museum are both world-famous.
- 19.....Columbia University,.....Princeton University andYale University are all regarded as excellent American universities.
20. There are many beautiful shops on....Fifth Avenue in....New York.
21.Central Park is right in the heart of....New York City.
22.Royal Hawaiian Hotel is one of the oldest in....Honolulu.
23.Istanbul was once calledConstantinople.

2. Supply the place names where necessary. Be careful not to capitalize The but note that words like Republic, Gulf, Mountains are capitalised.

1.USSR stands for.....Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
2.Russia is the largest republic inSoviet Union.
3.United States is bordered on the east by.....Canada, and on the south by.....Mexico and.....Gulf of Mexico on a plateau borderingPeru.

4.Lake Titicaca is the highest navigable lake in the world.
5.Netherlands is another name forHolland.
6.Mount Vesuvius is still an active volcano.
7.United Arab Republic is the official name for.....Egypt.
8.North Pole andSouth Pole are on either extremity of the earth's axis.
9.Pyrenees are situated betweenFrance andSpain.
10.Great Salt Lake in..... State of Colorado is a remnant of an inland sea.
11.Ivory Coast now an independent country was once part of.....French West Africa.
12.Mount Everest has the highest elevation in the world.
13.Philippines, like other islands inMalay Archipelago, are the tops of drowned mountains protruding from the sea.
14.Vatican is an independent papal state within the commune ofRome
15. The Earth is divided byequators into.....Northern Hemisphere.
16.Persia is now called Iran.
17.Dominican Republic is located in.....Central America.
18.Downing Street is a famous street in.....London.
19. One slope ofMount Blanc is inFrance another one in.....Switzerland.
20. His parents were born inPhilippines.

3. Look at the following list and say each item using „the” where necessary:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
|Pyramids, |Heathrow Airport |
|Tahiti |Hong Kong |
|Parthenon, |Leaning Tower of Pisa |
|Eiffel Tower |Mount Vesuvius |
|Mount Rushmore |Hanging Garden of Babylon |
|Bangkok |River Thames |
|Taj Mahal |Paris |
|Dome of the Rock |Cosmopolitan |
|Suez Canal |Netherlands |
|Charing Cross |Jamaica |
|Sultan of Brunei |Oslo |
|Louvre, |Prince of Wales |

.....Unicef
.....Rocky Mountains
.....Crete,
.....Fifth Avenue,
.....English Channel
.....Carlton Hotel
.....Queen Sofia
.....Ionian Islands

.....Lake Constance
.....United Nations,
.....Lake Geneva
.....Spanish Language
.....Pacific
.....Holy Land
.....Argentine

4. Add „the” to these sentences. Sometimes you need to add it twice.

1. I was in USA last week, but now I'm in Canada.
2. Pedro works in Olympic Hotel near Oxford Street.
3. Sweden is in north of Europe, north of Denmark.
4. Have you ever been to Tower of London?
5. Natural History Museum is in west of London.
6. We went to Trafalgar Square and National Gallery.
7. Canary Islands are in Atlantic Ocean.
8. London Eye is next to River Thames.

TEST (Article)

- 1) Very few can speakChinese.
a) the b) a c) - d) an
- 2) Vera is not used to.....cold weather.
a) - b) the c) a d) any
- 3) Have you ever been to Pyramids?
a) the b) a c) - d) any
- 4) He had a serious accident so he's been in.....hospital for 2 months.
a) - b) the c) any d) an
- 5) Have you ever visitedEiffel Tower in Paris?
a) the b)-
- 6) Have you ever been to a trip toLake Constance?
a) the b) -
- 7) I've just bought the latest number ofCosmopolitan magazine.
a) the b)-
- 8)English Channel separates southern England from northern France.
a)- b) the
- 9)Argentine is located in south-eastern South America.
a) - b) the
- 10)Fifth Avenue is considered one of the most expensive and best shopping streets in the world.
a) - b) the

- 11)Netherlands' name literally means „Lower countries”
 a) - b) the
- 12)Parthenon is a former temple on.....Athenian Acropolis.
 a) the/the b) -/the c)the/- d) -/-
- 13)Mount Rushmore is situated in South Dakota, in.....United States.
 a) the/the b) -/the c)the/- d) -/-
- 14)Ionian Islands are a group of islands in Greece.
 a) - b)the c) an d) some
- 15)Queen Sofia is..... wife of King Juan Carlos.
 a) the/the b) -/the c) the/- d) -/-
- 16).....Charing Cross is situated in Trafalgar Square in central London.
 a) the b)-
- 17) Holy Land is an area located between....Jordan River and.....Mediterranean Sea.
 a) the/the b) -/the c) the/- d) -/-
- 18)Great Scotland Yard is a street in Westminster, London.
 a) - b) the
- 19)River Thames is a river that flows through southern England.
 a) the b)-
- 20)Marks and Spencer is a major British multinational retailer headquartered inCity of Westminster, London.
 a) the/the b) -/the c)the/- d) -/-
- 21)Taj Mahal is a white marble mausoleum located onSouthern bank of Yamuna River in.....Indian city of Agra.
 a) -/the/the b) the/the/the c) -/-/-
- 22)Tahiti is the largest island group of French Polynesia and it is famous for its black sand beaches.
 a)- b) the
- 23)Lake Geneva is a city in Walworth County Wisconsin, USA
 a) - b) the
- 24)Spanish is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.
 a) - b)the
- 25)Brunei gained its independence from United Kingdom on 1-st January, 1984.
 a) - b) the
- 26)Pacific Ocean is the largest of the Earth oceanic divisions.
 a) - b) the
- 27).....Mediterranean Sea is an important route for merchants and travellers since ancient times.
 a) the/the/the b) the/a/a

- 28)Aegean Sea is connected toMarmara Sea and Black Sea by.....Dardanelles and Bosphorus.
 a) the/the/the b) the/a/a c) -/-/-
- 29)Mount Everest is located in.....Himalayas.
 a) -/the b) the/- c) -/-
- 30)Mount Fuji is the highest mountain inJapan.
 a) - /the b) the/-
- 31)Grand Canyon was carved by the Colorado River in the State of Arizona in the United States.
 a) the b) –
- 32)New York Harbour is situated at the mouth ofHudson River.
 a) -/the b) the/-
- 33)Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory located on the southern end of Iberian Peninsula at the entrance of Mediterranean Sea.
 a) - b) the
- 34)Sahara has many sand dunes that reach over 180 m.
 a) the b) –
- 35)Bay of Biscay lies along the western coast of France to the Spanish Border
 a) - b) the
- 36)Danube is Europe’s second largest river.
 a) the b)-
- 37)Hague is the seat of government for the Netherlands and the capital city of the province of South Holland.
 a) - b) the
- 38)Bicaz Gorge is a gorge in Romania located in the north-east of the country.
 a) - b) the
- 39)Great Plains lie west of the Mississippi River.
 a) - b) the
- 40)Willamette Valley is situated in the United States.
 a) - b) the

2. GRAMMAR SPOTLIGHT: THE NOUN

Nouns are characterized by gender, number and case.

MASCULINE: men, boys and male animals

FEMININE: women, girls and female animals.

NEUTER: inanimate things, animals whose sex we don't know and sometimes babies whose sex we don't know.

EXCEPTIONS: ships, and sometimes cars and other vehicles when regarded with affection or respect are considered feminine. Countries when referred to by name are also normally considered feminine:

Scotland lost many of her bravest men in two great rebellions.

The plural of nouns

-add -s to the singular noun: book-books, day-days.

-add -es to a noun ending in: -ch, -o, -s, -sh, -ss. -tch, -x, -z:

church-churches, tomato-tomatoes, match-matches, fox-foxes, buzz-buzzes

-change nouns ending in consonant + y into consonant+ ies:

baby-babies, country- countries, party- parties.

-nouns ending in -f (-fe) change into -ves:

life-lives, knife-knives, leaf-leaves, shelf-shelves, calf-calves , wife-wives,
BUT : roof- roofs, cliff- cliffs.

-a few nouns form their plural by vowel change:

foot-feet, goose-geese, man-men, mouse-mice, tooth-teeth, woman-women

-some nouns have the same form both for singular and plural: deer-deer, fish-fish, sheep- sheep

-collective nouns CREW, FAMILY, TEAM can take either a singular or a plural verb:

Our team is the best. or plural if we take it to mean a number of individuals:

Our team are wearing their new T-shirts.

-the following nouns are always plural: clothes, pants, pyjamas, binoculars, glasses, scissors, spectacles, compasses.

- the following nouns are always singular : advice, equipment, furniture, information, knowledge, luggage, money, works

The money is on the table.

-some nouns are plural in form and singular in meaning:

news, mumps, pools, billiards.

Compound nouns

- normally the last word is made plural: boy-friend/ boy-friends

-but where "man" and "woman" is prefixed both parts are made plural: man-driver/ men -drivers; woman-driver/women-drivers