The with Names for Familiar Objects

*The* occurs with names for familiar persons or objects in the home and the community. It is also used with names for natural objects in the world and in the universe. In these uses, *the* limits a noun to the one specimen *we are familiar with or that we have in mind*, although other specimens in the class may exist.

He walked into the house and hung his coat in the closet.
As she was strolling along the street she looked at the clothes in the store windows.
They were sailing along the river watching the clouds in the sky.

In the following sentences, use *the* or *a*. Keep in mind that *a* refers to one unknown or unspecified person or thing, and that it is generally not used with a noncountable noun.

*Example:* a. She ran into *the* house and shut *the* door.
b. They are planning to buy *a* house some day.

1. We have to feed _____ dog and _____ cat before we leave.
2. The boy has always wanted to have _____ dog and _____ cat.
3. His apartment has _____ bedroom, _____ living room, and _____ kitchen.
4. While he was in _____ park, he saw _____ man walking with _____ dog.
5. Everyone in _____ neighborhood was sorry to see them move.
6. They moved to _____ very quiet neighborhood.
7. Please put _____ butter, _____ bread, and _____ eggs in _____ refrigerator.
8. _____ Refrigerator like theirs is very expensive.
9. He's going to _____ grocery store to buy _____ loaf of bread.
10. They live in _____ very expensive home.
11. _____ moon is _____ satellite of _____ earth.
12. He would rather swim in _____ ocean than in _____ sea.
13. She has an appointment this week with _____ doctor and _____ dentist.
14. _____ leaves are already falling off _____ trees and covering ______ ground.
15. The drugstore hired _____ new pharmacist.

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