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| Articles: The + Plural Noun for Generic Meaning | |
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| **USE:** | **“THE”** can be used with plural nouns to indicate groups of animals or plants that are the focus of attention.  *The World Wildlife Fund wants to protect* *the wolves.*  *The maple trees in Canada are famous for producing delicious maple syrup.*  **“THE”** can also be used with social, political, religious or national groups, but is not necessary in this case.  *(The) Communists do not believe in capitalism.*  *(The) Liberals and (the) Conservatives are two of the biggest political parties in Canada.*  *(The) Buddhists often use meditation as part of their faith.*  *(The) Canadians have a very multicultural society.*  **“THE”** is necessary with national groups that don’t take plural endings.  *the Scottish, the Chinese, the French, the Chinese* |

*For each plural noun below, write a generic sentence. Use THE with the nouns where possible.*

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2. teachers

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1. musicians

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1. Catholics

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1. environmentalists

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1. Spanish

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