

# ANOTHER vs OTHER vs OTHERS vs THE OTHER

## ANOTHER + singular non-specific countable noun

- "Let's meet another day." (day = countable and singular noun)
- "I'd like another piece of cake." (cake = countable & singular noun)

The nouns in both sentences are also not specific. This means that the speaker doesn't care which day or piece of cake he gets; he just wants a different one ( it isn't clear or important which one.)

**Hint:** You can use "another" before a noun whenever you can use "a(n)" before a noun. The rules are the same. Another = an other!

## OTHER + plural or uncountable non-specific noun

- "Other people have problems, too." [people = plural noun]
- "This book has other information." [information = uncountable noun]
- Some days I think I look kind of cute, but other days I think I look fantastic. (days = plural noun)

The nouns in both sentences are not specific, just like with "another". The speaker doesn't specify which other people have problems, or what other information the book has.

**Hint:** If we think about articles (a/an/the) again, then remember that we use "other" before a noun that would NOT need an article.

OTHERS is a pronoun. Others can be used to take the place of the word other, followed by a plural countable noun. ? **NO NOUN AFTER OTHERS**

- Those trees are hemlocks; the others are pines.
  - Ten people belong to the group, and five others are planning to join.
- \*Others is often used in the expression some ... others.
- Some books are easy to read, but others are quite difficult.
  - Some people like classical music, while others prefer jazz.
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## THE OTHER + specific noun (singular, plural, countable or uncountable)

- "I have two brothers. One of them lives in Canada.  
The other brother lives in Japan."/I don't want this one, I want **the other one**.
- "I go to school on Monday and Thursday.  
I work on the other days of the week."

The nouns ("brother" & "days") in both sentences are specific.

**Hint:** Thinking about articles again, the rules for "the other" are the same as the rules for "the" + noun.

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## TEST

1. There's no \_\_\_ way to do it.  
other  
the other  
another
2. Some people like to rest in their free time. \_\_\_ like to travel.  
Other  
The others  
Others
3. This cake is delicious! Can I have \_\_\_ slice, please?  
other  
another  
others
4. Where are \_\_\_ boys?  
the other  
the others  
others
5. The supermarket is on \_\_\_ side of the street.  
other  
another  
the other
6. There were three books on my table. One is here. Where are \_\_\_ ?  
others  
the others  
the other
7. Some of the speakers went straight to the conference room. \_\_\_ speakers are still hanging around.  
The other  
The others  
Another
8. This is not the only answer to the question. There are \_\_\_ .  
the others  
others  
another
9. Please give me \_\_\_ chance.  
other  
the other  
another
10. He was a wonderful teacher. Everyone agreed it would be hard to find \_\_\_ like him.  
another  
other  
the other