

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