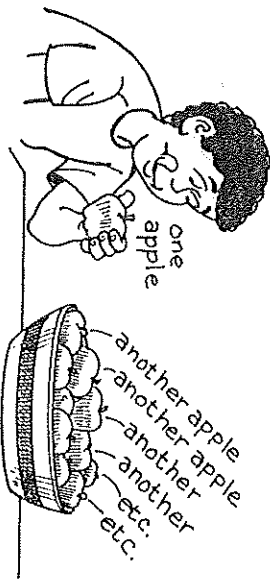


SINGULAR FORMS OF OTHER, ANOTHER vs. THE OTHER

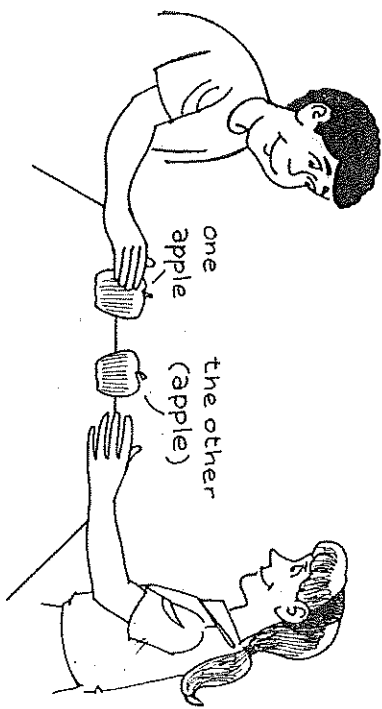
ANOTHER



(a) There is a large bowl of apples on the table. Paul is going to eat one apple. If he is still hungry after that, he can eat **another apple**. There are many apples to choose from.

**Another** means "one more out of a group of similar items, one in addition to the one(s) I've already talked about."  
**Another** is a combination of *an* + *other*, written as one word.

THE OTHER



(b) There are two apples on the table. Paul is going to eat one of them. Sara is going to eat **the other apple**.

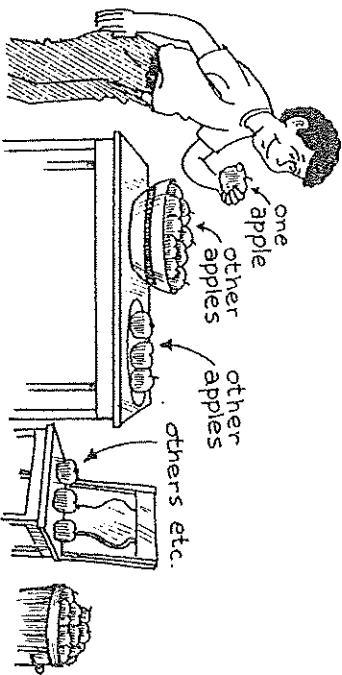
**The other** means "the last one in a specific group, the only one that remains from a given number of similar items."

- (c) Paul ate one apple. Then he ate **another apple**.
- (d) Paul ate one apple. Then he ate **another one**.
- (e) Paul ate one apple. Then he ate **another**.
- (f) Paul ate one apple. Sara ate **the other apple**.
- (g) Paul ate one apple. Sara ate **the other one**.
- (h) Paul ate one apple. Sara ate **the other**.

**Another** and **the other** can be used as an adjective in front of a noun (e.g., *apple*) or in front of the word *one*.  
**Another** and **the other** can also be used alone as a pronoun, as in (e) and (h).

PLURAL FORMS OF OTHER: OTHER(S) vs. THE OTHER(S)

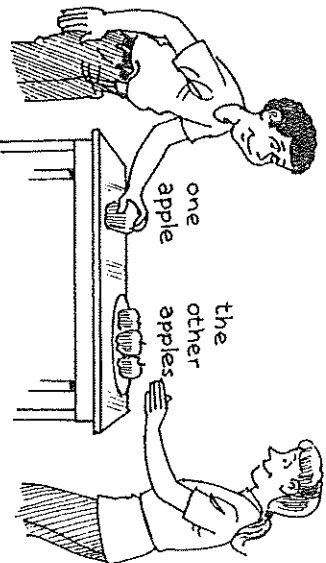
OTHER(S)



- (a) There are **other apples** in a bowl. (adjective + noun)
- (b) There are **other ones** on a plate. (adjective + ones)
- (c) There are **others** on a chair. (pronoun)

**Other(s)** (without *the*) means "several more out of a group of similar items, several in addition to the one(s) I've already talked about."  
The adjective **other** (without an *-s*) can be used with a plural noun (e.g., *apples*) or with the word *ones*.  
**Others** (with an *-s*) is a plural pronoun; it is not used with a noun.  
In (c): **others** = **other apples**.

THE OTHER(S)

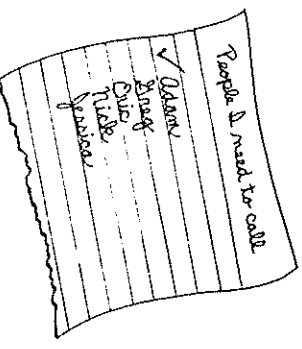


- (d) Sara is going to take **the other apples**. (adjective + noun)
- (e) She is going to take **the other ones**. (adjective + ones)
- (f) She is going to take **the others**. (pronoun)

**The other(s)** means "the last ones in a specific group, the remains from a given number of similar items."  
**The other** (without an *-s*) can be used as an adjective in front of a noun or the word *ones*, as in (d) and (e).  
**The others** (with an *-s*) is a plural pronoun; it is not used with a noun.  
In (f): **the others** = **the other apples**.

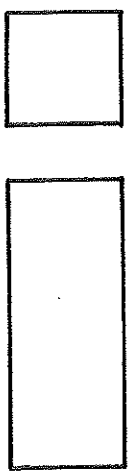
**EXERCISE 18:** Complete the sentences with *another* or *the other*.

- There are many kinds of animals in the world. The elephant is one kind. The tiger is another.
- There are two colors on this page. One is white. The other is black.
- Alex's bicycle was run over by a truck and destroyed. He needs to get another one.
- The Smiths have two bicycles. One belongs to Mr. Smith. The other belongs to Mrs. Smith.
- There are three books on my desk. Two of them are dictionaries. The other one is a telephone directory.
- The puppy chewed up my telephone directory, so I went to the telephone company to get another phone book.
- Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia. Thailand is another.
- It rained yesterday, and from the looks of those dark clouds, we're going to have another rainstorm today.
- Nicole and Michelle are identical twins. The only way you can tell them apart is by looking at their ears. One of them has pierced ears and the other doesn't.
- Of the fifty states in the United States, forty-nine are located on the North American continent. Where is the other located?
- I have two brothers. One is named Nick. The other is named Matt.
- There are five names in this list. One is Adam. The other is Greg.  
one of the names is Eric.  
the last of the name on the list (the last of the five) is Jessica.



**EXERCISE 19:** Complete the sentences with *other(s)* or *the other(s)*.

- There are many kinds of animals in the world. The elephant is one kind. Some others are tigers, horses, and whales.
- There are many kinds of animals in the world. The elephant is one kind. Some other kinds are tigers, horses, and whales.
- There are three colors in the U.S. flag. One of the colors is red. The others are white and blue.
- There are three colors in the U.S. flag. One of the colors is red. The other colors are white and blue.
- There are four seasons. Spring and summer are two. The other two are fall and winter.
- Spring and summer are two of the four seasons. The other two seasons are fall and winter.
- There are many kinds of geometric figures. Some are circles. The other figures are squares. Still other figures are rectangular.



- There are four geometric figures in the above drawing. One is a square. The other three figures are a rectangle, a circle, and a triangle.
- Of the four geometric figures in the drawing, only the circle has curved lines. The other three have straight lines.
- Some ships are fueled by petroleum. Other are propelled by atomic power.

11. Some boats are used for pleasure. \_\_\_\_\_ boats are used for commercial fishing.
12. Many people like to get up very early in the morning. \_\_\_\_\_ like to sleep until noon.
13. Out of the twenty students in the class, eighteen passed the exam. \_\_\_\_\_ failed.
14. Out of the twenty students in the class, only two failed the exam. \_\_\_\_\_ students passed.

### SUMMARY OF FORMS OF OTHER

ADJECTIVE	PRONOUN	Notice that the word <i>others</i> ( <i>other</i> + final -s) is used only as a plural pronoun.
SINGULAR another apple PLURAL other apples	another others	
SINGULAR the other apple PLURAL the other apples	the other the others	

EXERCISE 20: Complete the sentences with correct forms of *other*: **another, other, others, the other, the others.**

1. Jake has only two suits, a blue one and a gray one. His wife wants him to buy \_\_\_\_\_ **another** one.
2. Jake has two suits. One is blue, and \_\_\_\_\_ is gray.
3. Some suits are blue. \_\_\_\_\_ are gray.
4. Some suits have two buttons. \_\_\_\_\_ suits have three buttons.
5. Our physical education class was divided into two groups. Half of the students stayed inside and played basketball. \_\_\_\_\_ students went outside and played soccer.

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6. If you really hate your job, why don't you look for \_\_\_\_\_ one? You don't have to be a dishwasher all your life. There are lots of \_\_\_\_\_ jobs in the world.
7. An automobile consists of many parts. The motor is one, and the steering wheel is \_\_\_\_\_ parts are the brakes, the trunk, and the fuel tank.
8. Some people keep dogs as pets. \_\_\_\_\_ have cats. Still \_\_\_\_\_ people have fish or birds as pets. Can you name \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of animals that people keep for pets?
9. When I was a kid, I had two pets. One was a black dog. \_\_\_\_\_ was an orange cat.
10. When I walked into the classroom on the first day, the room was empty. I sat down at a desk and wondered if I was in the right room. Soon \_\_\_\_\_ student came and took a seat. Then a few \_\_\_\_\_ followed, and the room slowly began to fill.
11. The students in our class had two choices: basketball or soccer. Half of the students played basketball. \_\_\_\_\_ played soccer.
12. Here, children. I have two coins. One is for you, Tommy. \_\_\_\_\_ is for you, Jimmy.
13. My boyfriend gave me a ring. I tried to put it on my ring finger, but it didn't fit. So I had to put it on \_\_\_\_\_ finger.
14. People have two thumbs. One is on the right hand. \_\_\_\_\_ is on the left hand.
15. The telephone and the automobile are twentieth-century inventions. \_\_\_\_\_ are the computer, television, and the airplane. Can you name \_\_\_\_\_ twentieth-century inventions?