



Another / Other / Others / The other: Another or The Other: Singular Forms

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- I have two cats. One is black and ___ is white.
a) another
b) other
c) others
d) the other
- This coffee is cold. Can I have ___ cup, please?
a) the other
b) another
c) other
d) others
- She has two brothers. One lives in London and ___ lives in Paris.
a) another
b) the other
c) other
d) others
- I don't like this shirt. Can you show me ___ one?
a) another
b) the other
c) others
d) other
- There are two doors. One is locked, but ___ is open.
a) other
b) another
c) others
d) the other
- That was a great meal! I'd love ___ slice of pizza.
a) another
b) the other
c) other
d) the others
- He held a bag in one hand and an umbrella in ____.
a) another
b) other
c) the other
d) others
- This pen doesn't work. I need to find ___ one.
a) the other
b) another
c) other
d) the others
- The twins look alike. One has curly hair, but ___ has straight hair.
a) the other
b) another
c) others
d) other
- Would you like ___ chance to answer the question?
a) other
b) the other
c) another
d) the others
- I've already read this book. I'll borrow ___ from the library.
a) another
b) the other
c) the others
d) other



Answers

1. d) the other
2. b) another
3. b) the other
4. a) another
5. d) the other
6. a) another
7. c) the other
8. b) another
9. a) the other
10. c) another
11. a) another
12. b) another
13. b) the other
14. d) another
15. d) the other
16. a) another
17. c) the other
18. d) another
19. c) the other
20. c) another



Explanations

1. “the other” (d)

When there are exactly two items, we use 'the other' for the remaining one. One cat is black → the other (= the second and last one) is white.

2. “another” (b)

'Another' means 'one more' or 'a different one'. You are asking for an additional cup of coffee — there is no fixed total, so we use 'another'.

3. “the other” (b)

With exactly two brothers, the remaining one is definite — we use 'the other'. One is in London → the other (= the second of two) is in Paris.

4. “another” (a)

'Another one' means 'a different one' from a general selection. The speaker is not choosing between two specific shirts but asking for any different option.

5. “the other” (d)

Two doors — one is locked, so the remaining one (definite) is open. We use 'the other' for the second of two known items.

6. “another” (a)

'Another slice' means 'one more slice'. The speaker wants an additional piece — there is no fixed limit, so we use 'another'.

7. “the other” (c)

A person has exactly two hands. One hand holds a bag → the other (= the remaining hand) holds an umbrella. 'The other' is used because there are only two.

8. “another” (b)

'Another one' means 'a different one' from an unspecified selection. The speaker needs any working pen — no fixed pair or group is mentioned.

9. “the other” (a)

Twins = exactly two people. One has curly hair → the other (= the remaining twin) has straight hair. We use 'the other' for the second of two.

10. “another” (c)

'Another chance' means 'one more chance'. This is an additional opportunity — indefinite, so we use 'another'.

11. “another” (a)

'Another' means 'a different one' from many possible books. The library has many books — we are not choosing from a pair, so 'another' is correct.

12. “another” (b)

A hand has five fingers, not two. Since we are not talking about exactly two fingers, we use 'another' (= a different one of several). 'The other' would only work if there were just two fingers.

13. “the other” (b)

Exactly two pies — one is apple, so the remaining one is definite. We use 'the other' for the second of two.

14. “another” (d)

'Another' means 'one more' — he moved on to an additional exercise. No fixed total is mentioned, so we use 'another' (indefinite).

15. “the other” (d)

Exactly two floors — one has the kitchen, so the remaining floor (definite) has the bedrooms. We use 'the other' for the second of two.

16. “another” (a)

'Another day' means 'one more day'. The speaker needs additional time — indefinite, so we use 'another'.

17. “the other” (c)

A fence has exactly two sides. One side was painted yesterday → the other (= the remaining side) was painted today.

18. “another” (d)

'Another way' means 'a different way' or 'one more way'. The speaker is asking about any alternative — not choosing from a fixed pair — so we use 'another'.

19. “the other” (c)

'Both dresses' tells us there are exactly two. She tried one → the other (= the remaining dress) was put back. 'The other' is definite because the total is two.

20. “another” (c)

'Another time' means 'a different time' or 'some other time'. The speaker is suggesting any alternative time in the future — indefinite, so we use 'another'.