



Another / Other / Others / The other: Other and Others: Plural and Uncountable Forms

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Some students passed the exam, but ___ students failed.
a) other
b) others
c) another
d) the others
- I've packed three shirts. The ___ are still in the wardrobe.
a) other
b) another
c) others
d) the other
- Some people prefer tea; ___ prefer coffee.
a) other
b) others
c) the other
d) another
- I need to buy some ___ things for the party.
a) others
b) other
c) another
d) the others
- Five runners finished the race. ___ dropped out halfway.
a) The others
b) Others
c) Other
d) Another
- Do you have any ___ questions about the topic?
a) others
b) another
c) other
d) the others
- Some of the books are mine. ___ belong to my sister.
a) Others
b) Other
c) Another
d) The others
- There are many ways to learn English. Some people watch films; ___ listen to podcasts.
a) others
b) the others
c) other
d) another
- We visited Paris last year. We plan to visit ___ European cities this summer.
a) others
b) other
c) the others
d) another
- I've read two of the reports. I'll read ___ tomorrow.
a) others
b) other
c) another
d) the others
- She doesn't care what ___ people think about her.
a) others
b) other
c) the other
d) another



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “other” (a)

'Other' is used as an adjective before a plural noun ('other students'). We don't say 'others students' — 'others' is a pronoun and stands alone.

2. “others” (c)

'The others' means 'the remaining ones' (definite). Since 'The' is already in the stem, we only need to fill in 'others'. It is a pronoun replacing 'other shirts'.

3. “others” (b)

'Others' is used as a pronoun meaning 'other people'. No 'the' is needed because we are talking about people in general, not a specific remaining group.

4. “other” (b)

'Other' is an adjective modifying the plural noun 'things'. We say 'other things', not 'others things'. 'Others' is a pronoun and cannot be placed before a noun.

5. “The others” (a)

'The others' means 'the rest of the runners' — a definite group. We know the total group (all the runners), so the remaining ones are definite and take 'the'.

6. “other” (c)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'questions'. We say 'other questions', not 'others questions'.

7. “The others” (d)

'The others' refers to 'the other books' — the remaining books from a known group. Since the group is defined ('the books'), the rest are definite.

8. “others” (a)

'Others' = 'other people' in a general sense. No 'the' is needed because we are not talking about a specific remaining group — just people in general.

9. “other” (b)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'European cities'. It means 'different / additional cities'. We don't say 'others cities'.

10. “the others” (d)

'The others' = 'the other reports' — the remaining reports from a known set. The total group is defined, so the rest are definite.

11. “other” (b)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'people'. It means 'people in general (besides herself)'. We say 'other people', not 'others people'.

12. “others” (c)

'Others' = 'other houses' (pronoun, general). We use 'others' without 'the' because we are talking about some houses in general, not all the remaining ones specifically.

13. “The others” (d)

'The others' = 'the rest of the players' (definite). The total team is known, so the remaining uninjured players are a definite group.

14. “other” (b)

'Other' is used as an adjective before the uncountable noun 'information'. 'Other information' means 'additional information'. 'Others' cannot modify a noun.

15. “others” (c)

'Others' = 'other friends' (pronoun, general). No 'the' is needed because we are talking about some friends in general, not necessarily all the rest.

16. “the others” (d)

'The others' = 'the other essays' — the remaining essays from a known total. Since the teacher has a specific set of essays to grade, the rest are definite.

17. “other” (a)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'options'. It means 'additional/different options'. 'Others' is a pronoun and cannot precede a noun.

18. “others” (a)

'Others' = 'other children' (pronoun). This is a general statement about children, not a specific group, so no 'the' is needed.

19. “the others” (d)

'The others' = 'the other people' — the remaining eight from a known list of ten. The total is defined, so the rest are definite.

20. “other” (c)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'colours'. It means 'additional/different colours'. We say 'other colours', not 'others colours'.