



Another / Other / Others / The other: Another, Other, Others, The Other: Mixed Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- I have two dogs. One is friendly, but ___ is quite shy.
a) another
b) other
c) others
d) the other
- Some days I walk to work; on ___ days I take the bus.
a) others
b) other
c) the others
d) another
- This question is too easy. Give me ___ one that's harder.
a) another
b) the other
c) other
d) others
- Tom and Lisa help ___ with their homework every evening.
a) the other
b) another
c) each other
d) others
- I've seen three of the films. I'll watch ___ this weekend.
a) others
b) other
c) the others
d) another
- We have a meeting ___ Friday — that means every two weeks.
a) another
b) every other
c) the other
d) other
- She tried on several hats. Some were too big; ___ were too small.
a) the others
b) other
c) others
d) another
- Could I have ___ glass of water, please?
a) other
b) the other
c) others
d) another
- There's no one ___ than you who can solve this puzzle.
a) other
b) another
c) others
d) the other
- They sat on opposite sides of the table and stared at ____.
a) the other
b) each other
c) others
d) another
- We can't do anything about it. In ___ words, we just have to wait.
a) other
b) another
c) the other
d) others



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “the other” (d)

Two dogs — 'one... the other'. The second of two is definite, so we use 'the other'.

2. “other” (b)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'days'. It means 'different days' in general. We say 'other days', not 'others days'.

3. “another” (a)

'Another one' means 'a different one' from an unspecified selection. The speaker wants any harder question, not a specific remaining one.

4. “each other” (c)

'Each other' is a reciprocal pronoun meaning 'one helps the other and vice versa'. This is different from 'the other' — it expresses a mutual action between two people.

5. “the others” (c)

'The others' = 'the remaining films' from a known set. The speaker has a specific list of films, so the rest are definite.

6. “every other” (b)

'Every other Friday' means 'every second Friday' — one week yes, one week no. This is a fixed expression. Don't confuse it with 'another Friday' (= one more Friday).

7. “others” (c)

'Others' = 'other hats' (pronoun, indefinite). 'Some... others' describes a general division — not all the remaining hats, just some of them.

8. “another” (d)

'Another glass' = 'one more glass'. The speaker wants an additional glass of water. 'Another' is used for one more of the same kind.

9. “other” (a)

'Other than' is a fixed phrase meaning 'except' or 'apart from'. We always say 'other than', never 'another than'.

10. “each other” (b)

'Each other' is a reciprocal pronoun — person A stared at person B and person B stared at person A. 'The other' would need a clearer antecedent.

11. “other” (a)

'In other words' is a fixed expression meaning 'to say it differently'. We always say 'in other words', not 'in another words' or 'in others words'.

12. “the other” (c)

Two cups — 'one... the other'. The remaining one of two is definite, so we use 'the other'.

13. “another” (a)

'Another two weeks' = 'two more weeks'. 'Another + number + plural noun' expresses an additional quantity.

14. “The others” (d)

'The others' = 'the remaining six chairs' from a known total of ten. The group is defined, so the rest are definite.

15. “each other's” (b)

'Each other's' is the possessive form of the reciprocal pronoun — sister A knows sister B's secrets and vice versa. This is different from 'the other' which would not show mutual possession.

16. “others” (c)

'Others' = 'other people' (pronoun, general). 'Some... others' is a general pattern — we are not talking about a specific group, just people in general.

17. “every other” (d)

'Every other day' means 'every second day' — one day yes, one day no. This is a fixed expression. Don't confuse it with 'another day' (= one more day / a different day).

18. “other” (a)

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

19. “another” (b)

Three tasks: 'one... another... the other'. 'Another' is used for the second of three (not the last). The final task uses 'the other' (already given in the sentence).

20. “other” (d)

'Other' is an adjective before the plural noun 'books'. 'The other books' = the remaining books on the shelf. We say 'other books', not 'others books'. Note that 'the' is already in the stem.