Another, other, the other, others

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ANOTHER

Another is normally followed by a singular noun (an+other). It has two meanings:

1. one more, an additional one

He has another sister

2. a different one

If we cannot take this train, we will take another one. Don't worry!

ANOTHER+ PLURAL

Another can be followed by plural when it is preceded by a number or " a couple of" " a few"

I'm going to give you another couple of days to finish your essays

I am going to graduate in another two years

OTHER

Other can be followed by a plural countable noun or uncountable noun. It also has two meanings:

a. More or additional

Have you got any other books? I have already read these ones.

b. Different, alternative

Some food can be good for your body; other food can be extremely unhealthy

OTHER+SINGULAR

Other can also be used with a singular countable noun when the meaning is " a different one" "an alternative one". In this case, it has to be preceded by "the, this, my, our, no...etc. ".

I don't like this dress. I like the other dress better.

My other son is still studying

No other teacher is that great!

OTHER +ONE(S)

Other one(s): When the meaning is clear from context, we can substitute the noun by one(s)

I don't want these shoes. I want the other ones (the other shoes) We chose this book; the other one is old and dirty

OTHERS/THE OTHERS

Others is a pronoun and it is not followed by a noun. It replaces "other+plural noun" These apples are ripe. Do you have any others? These shoes are too small. Do you have any others? (The) others means (the) other people He stopped to eat a sandwich while the others continued playing He never thinks of others