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1 Replacing a noun

We use *one* to replace a singular countable noun:

I'm making a cup of coffee. Would you like one? (a cup of coffee)

We use *ones* to replace a plural countable noun:

Shall I wear brown shoes or black ones? (shoes)

'Which jeans do you want to buy?' 'The ones on the right.' (jeans)

We can use *a/an/the/some* + adjective + *one(s)*:

I don't like the blue shirt. I like the red one. (the red shirt)

Those are really bad photos but here are some good ones. (good photos)

That pen's very expensive. I only want a cheap one. (a cheap pen)

! We can't use *one* or *ones* to replace an uncountable noun.

~~*X I prefer folk music to classical one.*~~ ✓ *I prefer folk music to classical music.*

2 Which one/ones?

We can ask people to say which thing they want or mean with *Which one(s)?*:

'Which one do you want?' 'I want the red one.'

'I've got some Tom Cruise films on DVD.' 'Which ones?' (= Which films?)

We use *this/that/these/those* + *one(s)* to say which thing we want or mean:

'Which pen would you like?' 'I'd like that one.'

Can you pass me some plates? Those ones on the top shelf.

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3 another one

We use *another one*

- for an extra thing:

Sara hasn't got a student book. Have you got another one? (an extra book)

- for a different thing:

She doesn't like that jumper. She wants another one. (a different jumper)