

## 8 Pronouns *one/ones*; *another/the other (one)*

Mmm. These cakes look lovely.

Which ones would you like? These round ones or the ones with fruit on top?

### 1 *one/ones*

We can use *one/ones* to replace a noun:

SINGULAR *I'd like a colour printer but I can't afford **one**.* (a colour printer)

PLURAL *We've got lots of red apples on the tree but I prefer green **ones**.* (apples)

! We use *one*, not *it* to mean 'one of many':

*I need a stamp for this letter. X ~~Have you got it?~~ ✓ Have you got **one**?*

We don't use *one* or *ones* to replace an uncountable noun:

*X I prefer brown rice to white ~~one~~. ✓ I prefer brown rice to **white (rice)**.*

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### 2 *this one, the + adjective + one(s)*

We use *this/that/these/those + one(s)* to talk about particular things, and *which one(s)* to ask about them:

*'Which **ones** would you like? These **ones** with fruit on top?'*

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

*The train was full so we decided to catch **a later one**.*

*The best computer games are **the most powerful ones**.*

*Dark trousers make me look thinner so I'd better get **some black ones**.*

! If we add a phrase after *one* to describe it, we don't use *a/an* before it:

*I'm looking for a new TV. X ~~I'd like a one with a built-in DVD.~~*

*✓ I'd like **one** with a built-in DVD.*

But if we use an adjective before *one*, then we do use *a/an*:

*✓ I'd like **a big one** with a built-in DVD.*

### 3 *another (one), the other one(s)*

We use *another (one)* to talk about one more thing of the same type:

*That game was really good fun. Let's play **another (one)**.*

*I've appeared on one chat show and I'll never do **another (one)**!*

We can also use *another (one)* for a different thing of the same type:

*'I don't like this blue jumper.' 'Well, exchange it for **another one**. There were lots of different colours in that shop.'*

! We don't use *another one* with a noun:

*X I'd like ~~another one~~ coffee.*

We use *the other(s)/the other one(s)* for the second of two that are the same:

*I'll take this box. Can you take **the other one**? (= the second of two boxes)*

*Some of the students are in the gym and **the others/the other ones** are waiting in the hall.*

! *X We can put the ~~others ones~~ in the car. ✓ We can put **the other ones** in the car.*

**FORMALITY CHECK** *Another one/the other one(s)* is less formal than *the others*:

*I think I prefer this payment plan to **the other ones** he showed me.* (informal)

*I assure you that this payment plan is better than **the others** on offer.* (formal)