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A Busy Day of Choices

Meena loved Saturdays because she could go shopping and meet her friend Reena. Today, however, everything felt a little complicated.

She started at the supermarket. The fruit section was full of colours. The red apples looked shiny, but Meena preferred green ones. She picked up two green ones and put them in her trolley. Next to them were some grapes. These ones were really sweet. 'Do you want to try one?' the seller asked a customer nearby. Meena smiled and thought, 'Maybe I'll buy some later.'

In the bakery, the smell of fresh bread was wonderful. 'Would you like a loaf?' the assistant asked. 'We have brown or white ones.'

'I'll have a brown one, please,' Meena replied. 'And do you have bread rolls?'

'Yes, brown rolls and white ones. How many would you like?'

'Two brown ones, thank you.'

Then she saw the pies. 'I'd like an apple pie,' she said.

'Small one or large one?' the assistant asked.

'Just a small one, please.'

'These ones are fresh from the oven – they're still warm,' the assistant added, pointing to a tray.

'Mmm, they smell good. I think I'll have a cherry pie too. Can I have that one?' Meena asked, choosing a beautiful cherry one.

After shopping, Meena had two heavy bags. She met Reena outside. 'I've packed two bags at home already,' Meena laughed. 'Can you take this one and I'll take the other one?'

'Of course!' Reena said. 'By the way, are you going to aerobics tonight?'

'No, the local one is full, so I'll have to join another.'

'Which one? There are several in the city centre.'

'I'm not sure yet. Maybe a later one.'

In the afternoon, they went to look at mobile phones because Meena wanted a new one. The shop assistant asked, 'Do you want one with fast Internet access or one without?'

'I'd like one with fast Internet access,' Meena answered.

There were many models on display. Some were big, others were small. Meena tried a blue one, but it was too big. 'Can I try a smaller one?' she asked.

'Here you are,' the assistant said. 'This one is very popular.'

Meena liked it, but she decided to think about it. 'I'll come back for this one or another,' she said.

Later, they went to the cinema. Two films were showing. One was very violent, and the other was a romantic comedy.

'I don't like violent films,' Meena said. 'Let's watch the other one.'

'Good idea,' Reena agreed. 'I prefer quiet ones.'

After the film, they stopped for a drink. 'Would you like a cup of tea?' the waiter asked.

'No, thanks. I've just had one at home,' Meena replied.

They sat and talked about their day – the green apples, the warm pies, the small phone, and the peaceful film. Choosing one thing instead of another had made the day special. Meena realised that sometimes the other one is exactly what you need.

Questions:

Question 1: Why couldn't Meena go to the local aerobics class that evening?

Question 2: What kind of apples did Meena choose in the supermarket?

Question 3: When Meena asked Reena to help with the bags, what exactly did she say?

Question 4: Which film did Meena and Reena decide to watch at the cinema, and why?

Question 5: What did Meena say when the waiter offered her a cup of tea after the film?

Answers:

Answer 1: The local aerobics class was full, so she had to join another (one).

Answer 2: She chose green ones (she preferred green apples to the red ones).

Answer 3: She said, "Can you take this one and I'll take the other one?"

Answer 4: They decided to watch the other one (the romantic comedy), because Anna didn't like violent films / she preferred quiet ones.

Answer 5: She said, "No, thanks. I've just had one (at home)."

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



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)

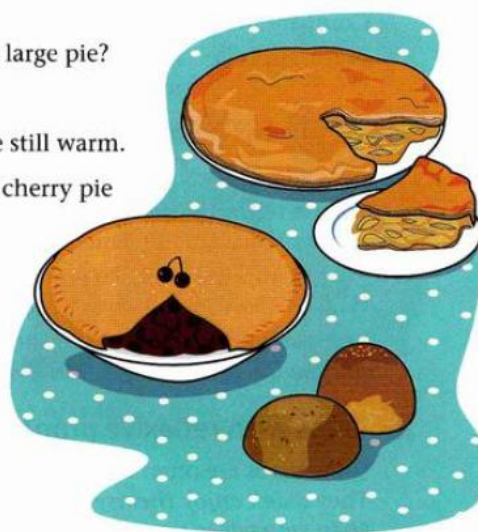
Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics>. In three places, both answers are possible.*

- 0 The local aerobics class is full so I'll have to find *(another) / (another one).*
 1 'Would you like a cup of tea?' 'No, thanks. I've just had *one / ones.*'
 2 'How did you do in the exam?' 'Which *one / ones?* I took six exams.'
 3 If you miss the morning ferry, you can travel on *a later / a later one.*
 4 These grapes are really sweet. Do you want to try *one / it?*
 5 These paintings are for exhibition only, but all the *others / other ones* are for sale.
 6 Would you prefer black pepper or *white / white one* on your meal?
 7 I've packed two bags. Can you take *this / this one* and I'll take *the other / the other one?*
 8 If you organise the team games at the children's party, I'll do all *the others / the others ones.*

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Find six more places where you can use *one* or *ones* instead of a noun.Write the correct word.  2.16 Listen and check.

- SHOPPER I'd like an apple pie, please.
 ASSISTANT Certainly, would you like a small ^{one} pie or a large pie?
 SHOPPER Oh, just a small pie, I think.
 ASSISTANT These pies are fresh from the oven; they're still warm.
 SHOPPER Mmm, they smell good. I think I'll have a cherry pie too, please. Can I have that pie?
 ASSISTANT Of course. Anything else?
 SHOPPER Yes, I'd like some bread.
 ASSISTANT Brown bread or white?
 SHOPPER Do you have bread rolls?
 ASSISTANT Yes, we have brown and white rolls.
 SHOPPER I'll have two brown rolls, please.
 ASSISTANT Here you are. That's £4.40.



3 Complete a sentence for each situation.

- 0 You're planning a holiday with friends. They ask you whether you prefer quiet or lively holidays.
 You say: I prefer *quiet ones*.....
 1 You're trying on a jumper. It's too big. You call the assistant and say: Can I try?
 2 A friend offers you a choice of egg sandwiches or cheese sandwiches. You say:
 I'll have
 3 You have looked at two hotels on a website. Your friend prefers the first hotel but you don't. You say: I prefer
 4 The hotel receptionist asks if you'd like a room with a bath or with a shower. You say:
 I'd like
 5 There are two films on at your local cinema. One of them is very violent and you don't want to watch it. You say to your friend: Let's watch
 6 You're looking at mobile phones. The shop assistant asks whether you want a phone with Internet access or not. You say: I'd like

Answers

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- 1 1 one 2 one 3 a later one 4 one 5 others/
other ones 6 white 7 this/this one, the other/
the other one 8 the others
- 2 SHOPPER I'd like an apple pie, please.
ASSISTANT Certainly, would you like a small pie ^{one} or a
large pie one?
SHOPPER Oh, just a small pie one, I think.
ASSISTANT These pies ones are fresh from the oven;
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a cherry pie too, please. Can I have that
pie one?
ASSISTANT Of course. Anything else?
SHOPPER Yes, I'd like some bread.
ASSISTANT Brown bread or white?
SHOPPER Do you have bread rolls?
ASSISTANT Yes, we have brown and white rolls ones.
SHOPPER I'll have two brown rolls ones, please.
ASSISTANT Here you are. That's £4.40.
- 3 1 Can I try a smaller one?
2 I'll have the egg ones/the cheese ones.
3 I prefer the other one/the second one.
4 I'd like one with a bath/one with a shower.
5 Let's watch the other one.
6 I'd like one with Internet access/without Internet access.