



## Presentation

To avoid repetition we can use words such as *one*, *that*, *it* and *so*, and ellipsis (leaving out words).

### **one/ones**

- Use *one* in place of a singular countable noun: 'Which dish do you prefer?' 'The healthy **one**'.
- Use *ones* in place of a plural countable noun: 'Can you pass my shoes?' 'Are these the **ones** you want?'
- Use *one* with an article, number or determiner and an adjective: *I'd like the sweet one!*  
*I brought some blue ones and some pink ones.*
- Use *one* directly after *this*, *that*, *these* and *those* without an adjective:  
A: *Which apples would you like?*  
B: *I'll have those ones.*
- Use *the one(s)* with a clause to say which one:  
A: *Which shoes would you like to try on?*  
B: *I'll have the ones on the top shelf.*

### **that**

Use *that* to replace a phrase, clause or sentence.

A: *If you're hungry, eat the apple pie in the fridge.*  
B: *I've already eaten **that**.* (*that* = the apple pie)

### **it**

We use *it* to replace a noun phrase: *Who ate my doughnut? It's not where I left it.*

### **so**

Use *so* after verbs like *say*, *think*, *hope* and *expect* to replace a clause, especially a short answer:

A: *Are we going to have something to eat?*  
B: *I think so.* (*so* = 'we're going to have something to eat')

### **Ellipsis**

Sometimes we omit words to avoid repetition, when it is clear from the context which words we have omitted. We can omit words:

- when we have two verbs together, and the second verb is *to* + infinitive, we can omit everything after *to*:  
A: *Why don't we just get a burger?*  
B: *I don't want to [get a burger]. I hate fast food!*
- after verbs and phrases like *hope*, *suppose* and *be afraid*, when what comes after is negative, we omit everything apart from *not*:  
A: *Are there any strawberries left?*  
B: *I'm afraid not.* (= there aren't any strawberries.)

We can also omit a whole clause after a subject and auxiliary or modal verb: *Most people like eating fast food, but I don't [like eating fast food].*

*My brother can cook really well but I can't [eook really well.]*

When the clause that we are replacing contains a verb in the present or past simple, we use a form of *do*: *Magda wanted to eat out but we didn't.* (*want to eat out.*)

**Exercises****1 Match the sentences (1–8) to the responses (a–h).**

1 Which shirt would you prefer to try on? ....	g	I'm afraid not. I need to get some more.
2 Is there any milk left? ....	b	I hope you bought me the right one.
3 Why don't you go with us tonight? ....	c	I don't want to. I'm really tired.
4 Most people love chocolate. ....	d	It's where you left it!
5 Let's go and see <i>Star Wars 28</i> tonight. ....	e	I don't think so. He's arranged something else.
6 Is Michael coming with us to the cinema? ....	f	No, I've already seen that – twice!
7 They had three different editions of the book. ....	g	The blue one.
8 Where's my bag? ....	h	Well, I don't.

**2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

one	did	ones	if	don't	that	to	so
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- 1 My coat is not where I put ..... it.
- 2 A: Do you think you'll get lots of presents for your birthday?  
B: I hope .....!
- 3 I wanted to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower but no one else .....
- 4 A: If your back still hurts, then stretch your body.  
B: I tried ..... yesterday. It didn't help.
- 5 A: Some packages have been delivered for you in reception.  
B: Great. Those are the ..... I've been waiting for.
- 6 Can you pass me a pen? That blue ..... will do.
- 7 All my family loves eating meat but I .....
- 8 A: Eat up all the vegetables on your plate.  
B: I don't want .....!

**3 Replace the underlined words with one word.**

- 1 We could go to the supermarket at the bottom of the hill or we could go to the other supermarket.  
one .....  
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- 2 A: Are they going on holiday today?  
B: I think they are going on holiday today.  
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- 3 I had my wallet but now I don't know where I've put my wallet.  
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- 4 I ordered some shirts in the post but these are not the right shirts.  
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- 5 A: It's very sunny – do you think the beach will be busy?  
B: Yes, I expect the beach will be busy.  
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- 6 A: When I was young, I had to get up at 4 a.m. every day to help my dad in the shop.  
B: I bet getting up at 4 a.m. every day to help your dad was tiring.  
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