

Common Expressions with Other

Mike and I write **to each other** every week.

Please write on **every other** line.

Every other can give the idea of “**alternate**.”

This means: Write on the first line. Do not write on the second line. Write on the third line. Do not write on the fourth line. (Etc.)

— Have you seen Ali recently?

— Yes. I saw him just **the other day**.

*The **other** is used in time expressions such as the **other day**, the **other morning**, the **other week**, etc., to refer to **the recent past**.*

*The other day means “**a few days ago, not long ago**.”*

Fill in the blanks

• other the other another •
• others each other •

2. One of the countries I would like to visit is Sweden.
_____ is Malaysia. Of course, besides these two countries, there are many _____ places I would like to see.
3. Louis and I have been friends for a long time. We've known _____ since we were children.
4. A: I talked to Sam _____ day.
B: Oh? How is he? I haven't seen him for ages.
5. In the Southwest there is a large area of land that has little or no rainfall, no trees, and very few plants _____ than cactuses. In _____ words, this area of the country is a desert.
6. Thank you for inviting me to the picnic. I'd like to go with you, but I've already made _____ plans.

7. Some people are tall; _____ are short. Some people are fat; _____ are thin. Some people are nearsighted; _____ people are farsighted.

8. Mr. and Mrs. Jay love _____. They support _____. They like _____. In _____ words, they are a happily married couple.

9. A: How often do you travel to Portland?

B: Every _____ month I go there to visit my grandmother in a nursing home.

10. Could I borrow your pen? I need to write a check, but I have nothing to write with _____ than this pencil.

11. My niece, Kathy, ate one cookie after _____ until she finished the whole box. That's why she had a bad stomachache.