OTHER / ANOTHER

a) Study these examples:

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
DEFINITE	Bring me the other chair, please. Bring me the other one, please. Bring me the other, please. (= there is only one more chair.)	Bring me the other chairs, please. Bring me the others, please. (= I need the rest of the chairs.)
INDEFINITE	Bring me another chair, please. Bring me another, please. (= one more chair, any chair.)	Bring me another three chairs, please. (= I need three more chairs.)
	Bring me some other chair, please. (= I need a different chair.)	Bring me some other chairs, please. (= I need different chairs.) Other chairs are cheaper. Others are cheaper. (= different chairs.)

Points to remember:

➤ THE OTHER can be an adjective, so it can be singular or plural:

I saw her **the other day**.
I prefer **the other books**.

As a pronoun, it is singular:

Close one eye, and look at this with **the other**.

➤ OTHERS / THE OTHERS are pronouns, that is why they can be plural:

I like some of **his films**, but I don't like **others**.
I like **his early films**, but I don't like **the others**.

➤ ANOTHER is usually singular, but with a number after it, it becomes plural:

Bring me **another beer**, please.
Bring me **another two beers**, please.

➤ However, **OTHER is always a plural adjective** (it is a typical mistake to use it as singular):

Other children don't play videogames all day, Johnny!

b) Fill in the gaps with OTHER, OTHERS, THE OTHER, THE OTHERS, ANOTHER (sometimes more than one answer is correct; write only one, please):

1. There are two kinds of people: some do, _____ watch.
2. When you get tired of scrubbing with one hand, use _____ .
3. A few students failed the exam, but _____ got very high marks.
4. One half of the apple is rotten, but _____ is all right.
5. One fourth of the children are girls, _____ three fourths are boys.
6. One third of the pizza is pepperoni, _____ third is bacon and onion, and _____ third is carbonara.
7. The north pole is only frozen water, but under _____ pole there is solid land.
8. The polar bear is white; _____ bears can range from light brown to black.
9. There were five screws, but I can only see two now. Where are _____ three?
10. When you meet _____ people you should always be polite.
11. When you are talking to _____ person, you should look at him or her.
12. I couldn't buy a ticket yesterday, but one way or _____ , I have to go to that concert!
13. I remember _____ occasion when I had lost one boot and I had a hole in _____ .
14. I'm sorry, I'm too busy now, maybe we can talk _____ day.
15. Most of these sentences have one gap, but _____ have two.
16. Tuesdays and Fridays are my favourite days this year, _____ days I have some really boring lessons.
17. Some days I feel very energetic, but _____ I'm really tired.
18. This is the last example, but there is still space for one more. Would you like me to write _____ ?