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1 Replacing a noun

We use *one* to replace a singular countable noun:

I'm making a cup of coffee. Would you like one? (a cup of coffee)

We use *ones* to replace a plural countable noun:

Shall I wear brown shoes or black ones? (shoes)

'Which jeans do you want to buy?' 'The ones on the right.' (jeans)

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

I don't like the blue shirt. I like the red one. (the red shirt)

Those are really bad photos but here are some good ones. (good photos)

That pen's very expensive. I only want a cheap one. (a cheap pen)

⚠ We can't use *one* or *ones* to replace an uncountable noun.

~~*X I prefer folk music to classical one.*~~ ✓ *I prefer folk music to classical music.*

2 Which one/ones?

We can ask people to say which thing they want or mean with *Which one(s)?*:

'Which one do you want?' 'I want the red one.'

'I've got some Tom Cruise films on DVD.' 'Which ones?' (= Which films?)

We use *this/that/these/those + one(s)* to say which thing we want or mean:

'Which pen would you like?' 'I'd like that one.'

'Can you pass me some plates? Those ones on the top shelf.'

Countable/uncountable nouns ➤ Unit 2

3 another one

We use *another one*

- for an extra thing:

Sara hasn't got a student book. Have you got another one? (an extra book)

- for a different thing:

She doesn't like that jumper. She wants another one. (a different jumper)

Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 0 I prefer plain food to spicy *one* / *food*.
- 1 Do you have a gas cooker or an electric *one* / *ones*?
- 2 We've got three litres of milk but we need *another* / *other* one for tomorrow.
- 3 Can we have a blue pen and a *black* / *black one*, please?
- 4 I don't want the cotton trousers, I want the wool *ones* / *one*.
- 5 I'm still hungry. I'd like *sandwich* *another* / *another sandwich*.
- 6 Would you like brown sugar or white *one* / *sugar*?

2 Complete the sentences with **one**, **ones** or **another**.

- 0 I'd like two red peppers and a green *one*
- 1 I don't like modern films, I prefer old
- 2 Do you have any more euros? We need one for the drinks machine.
- 3 Do you have these in a smaller size?
- 4 There are a lot of things to take; I think we need suitcase.
- 5 James sold his old car and bought a new
- 6 That dress is nicer than the you were wearing yesterday.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Improve this conversation by replacing some more words with **one** or **ones**.

A Can I help you?
B Yes. I'd like *that* coffee pot.
A Which *coffee* *pot*?
B The coffee pot on the top shelf.
A Oh, I see. That coffee pot?
B Yes, that's it.
A Anything else?
B Yes. I'd like some cups.
A Do you mean the cups next to the coffee pot?
B No, not those cups. The blue and white cups on the other shelf.
A These cups?
B Yes.



4 Answer the questions with full sentences. Do not use the underlined words in your answer.

- 0 Do you prefer plain biscuits or chocolate biscuits? *I prefer chocolate ones.*
- 1 What colour shoes are you wearing?
- 2 What colour pen do you usually use?
- 3 Do you prefer hot drinks or cold drinks?
- 4 Do you prefer old houses or new houses?