



# Expressing Contrast

Grammar > Intermediate 5



## Exercise 1 – Learning

In this lesson, we will learn how to express contrast by using: **One/Some, Other/Another**

It's important to remember that '**the**' refers to specific things and '**a**' refers to non-specific things.

When we use '**the**', as in '**the other/others**', we refer to the remaining members of a specific group.

When we don't use '**the**', we refer to members of a broad category.

### One... the Other...

When we talk about two items in a set, we refer to the first item as '**one**' and the second as '**the other (one)**'.

- There are two cups: **One** cup is orange, and **the other** is green.



## One... Another

Sometimes we want to talk about items that are not in a specific set, but belong to some broad category.

In this case, we refer to **the first item as 'one' and any additional item as 'another'** (= short for 'an other').

For example, to order a beer at a bar, you can say:

- **One** beer, please.

Then when you finish that beer, you can ask for one more:

- **Another** beer, please. (= *one more beer*)

## One... the others...

When we talk about many things in the same set, we refer to the first item as '**one**' and the remaining items as '**the others**'.

- We have five pets: **One** is a cat. **The others** are dogs.



### Some... the others

If we want to refer to a first set of items (not just one item), we say '**some**' instead of '**one**':

**Some** students are singing and **the other students** are dancing. → **Some** students are singing and **the others** are dancing.

### Some... Others...

When we talk about large groups of people/things in general and *not* one specific group, we use '**some**' to refer to the first group and '**(and) others**' to refer to the remaining group.

**Some** people like dogs, **other people** cats. → **Some** people like dogs, **others** cats.



## Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

*Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.*

1. I have two friends in Europe. One in Spain, \_\_\_\_\_ in Italy.

- a) the other
- b) another

2. Three of my friends live in Europe. Two live in Italy, \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain.

- a) the other
- b) another

3. Some of my friends live in Italy. \_\_\_\_\_ live in Spain.

- a) Another
- b) The others

4. Some people cook, \_\_\_\_\_ don't.

- a) the others
- b) others



5. Some people like spicy food, \_\_\_\_\_ don't.

- a) the others
- b) others

6. This library has 100 books. Seventy are in English, \_\_\_\_\_ are in other languages.

- a) others
- b) the others

7. One of my children wakes up early. \_\_\_\_\_ wake up late.

- a) The others
- b) The other

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- a) The others
- b) The other



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

*Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.*

**Example:** children and adults. → Some of the people are children. The others are adults.

### Content:

1. a tall bottle and short bottles.
2. two computers: laptop and desktop.
3. tall and short flower.
4. men's and women's shoes.
5. wood and metal kitchen tools.
6. an adult and some children.