

Each and every

A

Each and **every** are similar in meaning. Often it is possible to use **each** or **every**:

- ☐ **Each** time (or **Every** time) I see you, you look different.
- ☐ There are computers in **each** classroom (or **every** classroom) in the school.

But **each** and **every** are not exactly the same. Study the difference:

We use **each** when we think of things separately, one by one.

- ☐ Study **each sentence** carefully.
(= study the sentences one by one)

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Each is more usual for a small number:

- ☐ There were four books on the table.
Each book was a different colour.
- ☐ (*in a card game*) At the beginning of the game, **each player** has three cards.

We use **every** when we think of things as a group. The meaning is similar to **all**.

- ☐ **Every sentence** must have a verb.
(= all sentences in general)

every =

Every is more usual for a large number:

- ☐ Kate loves reading. She has read **every book** in the library. (= all the books)
- ☐ I'd like to visit **every country** in the world. (= all the countries)

Each (but not **every**) can be used for two things:

- ☐ In football, **each team** has eleven players. (*not every team*)

We use **every** (not **each**) to say how often something happens:

- ☐ 'How often do you use your car?' '**Every day**.' (*not Each day*)
- ☐ There's a bus **every ten minutes**. (*not each ten minutes*)

B

Compare the structures we use with **each** and **every**:

You can use **each** with a noun:

each book **each student**

You can use **each** alone (without a noun):

- ☐ None of the rooms was the same.
Each (= each room) was different.

Or you can use **each one**:

- ☐ **Each one** was different.

You can say **each of** (**the ... / these ... / them** etc.):

- ☐ Read **each of these** sentences carefully.
- ☐ **Each of the** books is a different colour.
- ☐ **Each of them** is a different colour.

You can use **every** with a noun:

every book **every student**

You can't use **every** alone, but you can say **every one**:

- ☐ A: Have you read all these books?
B: Yes, **every one**.

You can say **every one of** ... (*but not 'every of'*):

- ☐ I've read **every one of those** books.
(*not every of those books*)
- ☐ I've read **every one of them**.

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You can also use **each** in the middle or at the end of a sentence. For example:

- ☐ The students were **each** given a book. (= Each student was given a book.)
- ☐ These oranges cost 40 pence **each**.

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Everyone and **every one**

Everyone (one word) is only for people (= everybody).

Every one (two words) is for things or people, and is similar to **each one** (see Section B).

- ☐ **Everyone** enjoyed the party. (= **Everybody** ...)
- ☐ Sarah is invited to lots of parties and she goes to **every one**. (= to **every party**)