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GRAMMAR: OTHER OR  
ANOTHER

Many English learners confuse other and another, but the difference is quite obvious when you think about it.

**Other** is plural. It is a determiner, pronoun, an adjective or an adverb. We use it to refer to a different option available.

Other as a **determiner**. We usually use it before plural nouns, for instance:

*I like this city, but other people prefer larger cities.*

*I would prefer other subjects to Art.*

*We also use other with uncountable nouns, like:*

*This music is upbeat whereas other music can be depressing.*

We use other after words such as my/your/his/her/their/our

*I have left my wallet in my other backpack.*

Other/others as a **pronoun**:

*My parents don't get along, in fact, they do not even speak to each other.*

*I am going to move from one school in my city to the other.*

The use of others:

*I do not like these boots, I prefer the others.*

*Have you got any others?*

**Another** is singular. The reason for this is simple, another carries an indefinite article an so we will need to use it with singular countable nouns and is used instead of an + other.

Another as a **determiner**:

*I would like another sandwich, please.*

*have another class to give today.*

*Can I have another pint of beer?*

We can, however, use **the other** with singular nouns, for instance:

*I would like the other t-shirt instead of this one.*

Another can sometimes replace a noun and in this context another is used as a **pronoun**:

*If you don't like this drink, would you like another?*

*I am quitting my job and looking for another.*