

QUANTIFIERS (7)

'Each' and 'Every' (02)

In context

3 min

Non-native English speakers often hesitate between 'each' and 'every', because they have similarities.

They are both used with singular countable nouns. Therefore they are both followed by a verb in the singular. But often they are not exactly the same.

Differences between 'each' and 'every'

12 min

We use 'each' when we consider things separately, one by one.

Example:

Try **each** dessert and let me know the one you like best. (try the desserts one by one)

We use 'every' when we consider things as a group. We can replace it by 'all'.

Example:

I wish I could try **every** dessert in the menu. (try all the desserts)

Compare the use of 'each' and 'every'. Can we use 'each' and 'every' in these situations?

Situations	Can we use 'each'?	Can we use 'every'?
Talking about 2 things	✓ He carries a bag in each hand.	✗
Talking about frequency	✗	✓ I play tennis every Sunday.
Using it at the end of a sentence	✓ They cost \$2 each .	✗
Using it alone, without a noun	✓ The candidates were smart. Each had an interesting profile.	✗
Using it with 'one' and 'of'	✓ I spoke to each of them. I read each one . I want one of each kind.	✓ I saw every one of them. = I saw every one .

It is possible to use them together: 'each and every' is used to insist.

Example:

Sarah speaks to her mother **each and every** day.

Language Tip: 'everyone' vs. 'every one'

5 min

There is a difference between 'everyone' and 'every one':

everyone = for people only, means all the people (everybody)

every one = for people or things, is similar to 'each one'

Examples:

Everyone was on time. (= Everybody was on time.)

He buys a lot of magazines and reads **every one**. (= every magazine)

The words 'everybody' and 'everyone' are followed by a verb in the singular, but the words referring to them are plural.

Examples:

Everybody is there, aren't **they**?

Everyone has **their** own idea about that. (= Everyone has his or her own idea about that).

Writing Exercise 5 min

Match the situations on the left to the appropriate phrases on the right.

1. To express individuality	a. each of them
2. To talk about two people/things	b. each and every
3. To talk about two or more people/things	c. every week/month/...
4. To express frequency	d. each
5. To insist	e. every one of them

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete the following sentences with 'each' or 'every'.

1. _____ employee has his or her own identity card.
2. I play volleyball _____ Thursday.
3. The detective wants to speak to _____ person individually.
4. _____ candidate must be present at 8:00 am.
5. She goes to the theatre _____ 3 months.
6. The apple cakes and the cherry cakes look good, I will buy one of _____.
7. They _____ had a precise plan.
8. I think about her _____ time I look at this picture.
9. I have seen _____ movie he has made.
10. I checked _____ report, one at a time.

Reading Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Read these sentences to your teacher and complete them with a similar phrase including 'each' or 'every'.

Example: I work 7 days a week. I work _____ → I work every day.

1. I will introduce myself to the boy and then to the girl. I will introduce myself to _____.
2. There were black shirts and grey shirts, you tried a black one and a grey one. You tried _____.
3. We will question everybody. We will question _____.
4. She gave me many cookies and I ate all of them. I ate _____.
5. I visited my grandpa every day without any exception. I visited him _____.

Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Speak to your teacher about your regular activities. Compare them with your spouse's activities (or friend, child...).

Example: Every morning, I wake up around 7 am. My wife and I each have a different schedule...

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this song, you will practice listening comprehension and using the phrase 'each and every'.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGviiTHStjc>

Watch the video again and complete the lyrics.

Do I miss her kiss at _____ time
_____ around me till the light time
Yes I do, yes I do, yes I do, yes I do
_____ and _____ day of the year

I still see her on the _____
Do I park and still _____ for her
Yes I do, yes I do, yes I do, yes I do
Each and every day of the year

_____ get around any more
Don't know what my _____ are for
No fun sitting all alone
When I cry crycry on my _____

_____ and every day of the year
Now that she has gone for ever
Do I _____ what my life's for
Yes I do, yes I do, yes I do, yes I do
Each and _____ day of the year

Quiz

10 min

True or False?

1. 'each' and 'every' are both used with singular countable nouns.
true false
2. They are both followed by a verb in the plural.
true false
3. We use 'each' when we consider things separately, one by one.
true false
4. We use 'every' when we consider things as a group.
true false

Complete the table with 'each', 'every' or 'both':

Situations	'each', 'every' or 'both'?
Talking about 2 things	1.
Talking about frequency	2.
Using it at the end of a sentence	3.
Using it alone, without a noun	4.
Using it with 'one' and 'of'	5.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Everybody is fine, _____? (isn't he? aren't they?)
2. They all look great, I'll take three of _____. (each / every)
3. This summer, I will run _____ day. (each / every)
4. _____ student should take his own notebook. (each / every)
5. Everybody has _____ old habits. (his / their)
6. He interviewed _____ of them. (each / every)
7. He interviewed _____ one of them. (each / every)
8. I read all her books and loved _____. (everyone / every one)
9. _____ seems to be having a good time. (everyone / every one)
10. _____ time I smell lavender, I remember our trip to the South of France. (each / every)