

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.

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 color.
- (*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)

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Every is more usual for a large number:

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

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

- In a soccer game, **each team** has 11 players. (*not every team*)

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

- "How often do you go shopping?" "Every day." (*not each day*)
- There's a bus **every 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 were the same. **Each** was different. (= each room)

Or you can use **each one**:

- **Each one** was different.

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

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

You can use **every** with a noun:
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You can say **every one** (*but not every alone*):

- "Have you read all these books?"
"Yes, **every one**."

You can say **every one of** . . . :

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

C 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 50 cents **each**.

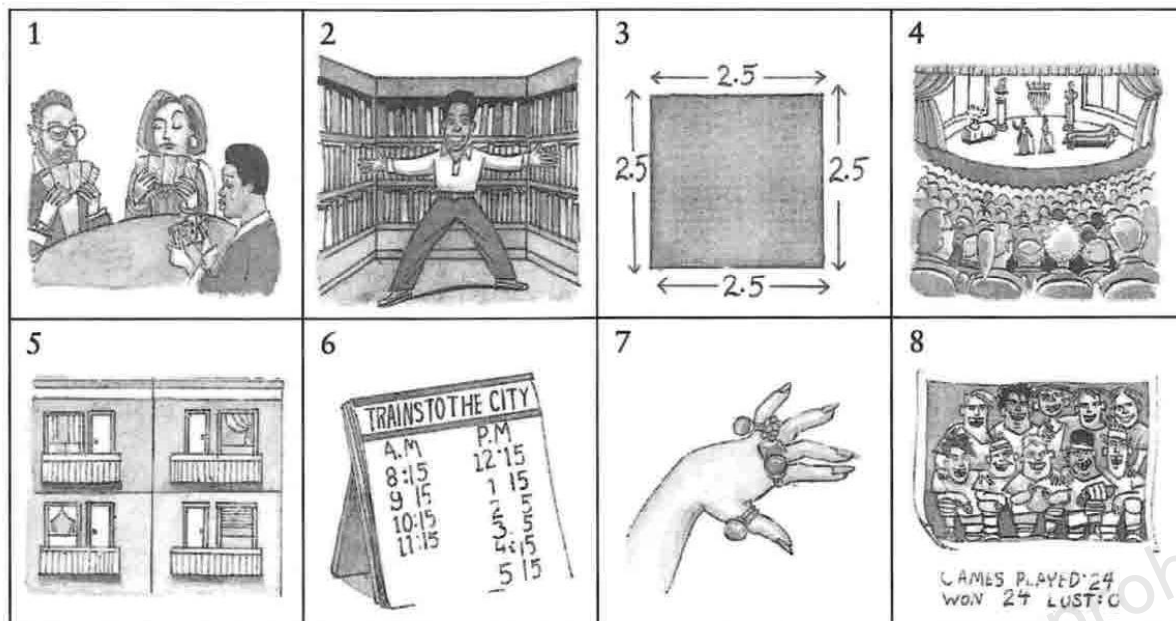
D **Everyone** and **every one**

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 . . .)
- He is invited to lots of parties, and he goes to **every one**. (= to every party)

Exercises

88.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with *each* or *every*.



1. Each player has three cards.
2. Chris has read every book in the library.
3. Each side of a square is the same length.
4. Every seat in the theater was taken.
5. Every apartment has a balcony.
6. There's a train to the city every hour.
7. She was wearing five rings – one on each finger.
8. Our soccer team has been very successful. We've won every game this season.

88.2 Put in *each*/*every*/*everyone*.

1. There were four books on the table. Each book was a different color.
2. It was a great party. Everyone enjoyed it.
3. Each parent worries about their children.
4. In a game of tennis there are two or four players. Each player has a racquet.
5. Nicole plays volleyball every Thursday evening.
6. As soon as everyone had arrived, we began the meeting.
7. I understood most of what they said, but not every word.
8. The book is divided into five parts, and each of these has three sections.
9. I get paid every two weeks.
10. We had a great weekend. I enjoyed every minute of it.
11. I tried to call her two or three times, but every time there was no reply.
12. She's very popular. Everyone likes her.
13. Seat belts in cars save lives. Every driver should wear one.
14. (from an exam) Answer all five questions. Write your answer to each question on a separate sheet of paper.

88.3 Complete the sentences using *each*.

1. The price of one of those oranges is 50 cents. Those oranges are 50 cents each.
2. I had ten dollars and so did Sonia. Sonia and I each had ten dollars.
3. One of those postcards costs 40 cents. Those postcards cost 40 cents each.
4. The hotel was expensive. I paid \$195 and so did you. We each paid \$195.