

# Singular and plural: details

When none, neither, either and any are followed by of + plural noun or pronoun, they are normally used with singular verbs in a formal style in British English. Plural verbs are more common in informal British English and American English.

None of these answers is correct. (Formal British)

None of these answers are correct. (Informal British; American)

Neither of my parents has been outside India. (Formal)

Neither of my parents have been outside India. (Informal)

Another, a/an + adjective

We often use plural expressions of quantity after another and a/an + adjective.

I will be staying for another two weeks.

I have been waiting for a good four hours.

I spent a happy thirty minutes playing with the kids.

Every is usually used with singular nouns, but can be used before plural expressions in measurements of frequency.

Buses leave every five minutes.

I visit them every six weeks.

Sort of, kind of, type of etc

We do not usually use the article a/an after sort of, kind of, type of etc. But note that articles are often used in an informal style.

What sort of bird is that? (Formal)

What sort of a bird is that? (Informal)

Sort of, kind of and type of are usually followed by a singular noun.

This sort of car is very expensive.

Sort of, kind of and type of can also be followed by plural nouns in an informal style.

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I am interested in any sort of cars.