Unit 59: ONE

This unit shows you the different ways to use this word. There is also a plural pronoun, ones.

1 As a number

a before **of**:

One of my brothers has just gone to England. Can I have **one of** your cigarettes?

b before a noun when you want to show the number clearly:There is only one way to learn English; you have to practice.I said one cup of coffee, not two.

2 As a pronoun

a instead of a noun:

I tried on three **dresses**. The nicest **one** was very expensive. There are four **cars** here. Which **one** is yours? Mine is the **one** on the right.

I don't usually like **bananas**, but these **ones** are delicious. We have some good **players**, but the best **ones** always go and play in other countries.

b instead of a noun phrase (Unit 45):

He was going to make me **a chicken sandwich**, so I asked him to make **one** for me, too. People tell me I should get **a car** but I don't want **one**.

NOTICE: one is seldom used as a subject pronoun for people.