

EACH vs. EVERY

The difference 'each and every' English learner should know



- Prices go up **each** year.
- Prices go up **every** year

Sometimes, **EACH = EVERY**



For 2 things, we use 'each', NOT 'every'

- She had clearly been in a fight. She had bruises on each leg and cuts on each arm (NOT: on every leg / on every arm)
- My parents have moved to the capital. Each of them works in a bank. (NOT: Every one of them works)



Practically/Nearly/Almost etc. + every

- ❑ **Practically every** person in the room had dated Samantha at some time or another.
- ❑ **Nearly every** chocolate had been eaten.



each ~ individual; every ~ all

- We gave **each** child who came to the party a present. We handed them out one by one.
- We gave **every** child who came to the party a present. We gave them all a present.
- I really love Pinter. I've seen **every** one of his plays at least once. I've seen them all.
- You suggested I should read Pinter's plays. Well, I'm going to study **each** one carefully.
- **Every** third-year student will be examined orally in June. They will **each** be given a fifteen minute interview.



EVERY IS USED FOR REPEATED REGULAR EVENTS:

- I get a health check-up done **every six months**.
- You ask me **every single day** when Joan will be returning and **every single day** I tell you that I do not know.



THANKS!

