

BBC Learning English – Q & A of the Week

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Every 每(个)

Jackie: Hello, I'm Jackie.

Li: And I'm Li. Welcome to Question and Answer of the Week.

Jackie: Which we do every week!

Li: Yes.

Jackie: We hope you listen every time. Every moment is such fun! Did you know Li that I've decided to get fit and every day I go running?

Li: Jackie, you're using the word 'every' a lot. 是不是今天的《你问我答》节目同 'every' 这个单词有关?

Jackie: Li! You know me well! Every time you guess what I am up to!

Li: 我觉得你根本不是每天都跑步，你只是刻意地使用 every 这个词儿罢了!

Jackie: Not true! Well, ok, sort of true. I go every week, at least.

Li: 我看咱们还是书归正传，看看今天的问题是什么吧。

Jackie: Well, this week, we have a question from Shan in Hong Kong about the use of the word...

Jackie + Li: 'every'!

Jackie: Shan writes: "I don't know if it's correct to say 'I go to church every Sundays'. It seems correct as I want to use Sunday with s at the end to talk about a repeated event. But, according to a grammar book 'every' is followed by a singular noun."

Li: Shan 想知道 'every' 这个词能不能同复数名词一起连用。

Jackie: So what Shan wants to say is:

Example



I go to church every Sundays.

Jackie: But can he?

Li: No! Every 是一个限定词，只能同单数名词连用。

Example

I go to church every Sunday.

Jackie: But why? Surely, if it's every Sunday, that's a lot of Sundays, so it becomes plural.

Li: 对不对。因为 every 这个词和 each 差不多，用来限定和强调单数名词，意思是每一个什么的，请听例句：

Example

Every Monday I go to work.

I watch TV every evening.

Each time he visits, he brings a gift.

Jackie: Every day I go jogging!

Li: Yes! 如果被限定的名词作主语，那么谓语动词也一定是单数，请听例句：

Examples

Every child plays a musical instrument.

Every meal is served with salad.

Each painting is unique.

Jackie: So it would be wrong to say 'Every meal are served with salad' because we are talking about each meal separately: Every meal is served with salad.

However, every is used before a plural noun in expressions that refer to intervals.

Li: Yes, that's a very good point. Every 这个词也可以限定一段时间，比如每两个星期，或每三个月等等。

Examples

He checks his watch every five minutes.

Every two weeks I visit my parents.

Every three hours you should take a break.

Li: 不过请大家注意，在限定一段时间的时候不能使用 each，只能使用 every.

Jackie: That's right, you can't say "each two weeks I visit my parents", only every is used before a plural noun in expressions that refer to intervals.



Li Thank you Jackie. I hope that makes things clearer, Shan.

Jackie: And we haven't quite finished; there's another little part to Shan's question, here it is: "I know 'on Mondays' (with s) means 'every Monday', but does 'in Decembers' mean 'every December'?"

Li: That's a good question!

Jackie: It's true that we can say on Mondays, on weekends, on weekdays, and so on, in the plural to mean 'every'. For example:

Examples

On weekdays I work in the city.

On Fridays I go swimming.

Li: 不过在英语中不能用 **in Decembers**, 或 **on Decembers** 来达到同样的限定作用。

Jackie: So instead of saying, for example, "In Decembers I go on holiday" you would have to use the word 'every': "Every December I go on holiday."

Li: 好，现在我来总结一下，**every** 作为限定词可以限定单数名词或限定表示一段时间的复数名词短语。如果表示一周里的某一天可以用 **on**，比如 **on Tuesdays** 每个星期二，换个说法就是 **every Tuesday**。

Jackie: Well that's all for now, but don't forget, you can send your questions to questions.chinaelt@bbc.co.uk.

Li: We hope you visit bbcukchina.com every day!

Jackie + Li: Bye!