

Determiners - Part III

If we have to put a group B determiner before a pronoun, we use of

Neither of them came.

All of us will come.

Group A + Group B

The Group B determiners many, most, little, least and few can be used after Group A determiners.

His many ideas

A few doubts

The most money

The least time

Other determiners

There are a few determiners that do not fit into group A or B. Examples are: other, such, what, another and only. Other and only are used after group A determiners. Such and what (in exclamations) come before the indefinite article a/an.

My other brother (NOT Other my brother)

The other day

The only reason

What a pity (NOT A what pity)

Such a beautiful girl (NOT A such beautiful girl)

Determiners without nouns

Determiners can be used without nouns if the meaning is understood.

'Which color do you want?' 'This will do.' (= This color will do.)

'Do you like Hemingway's books?' 'I haven't read any.'

Possessive determiners

Possessives (except which and his) have different forms when they are used without nouns. The forms without nouns are: mine, yours, his, hers, theirs, and ours. These are often called possessive pronouns.

The possessive forms used with nouns are: my, your, his, her, their and our.

Compare:

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That is my bag.

That bag is mine.

Note

The possessives its and one's are not used without nouns.