Both...and, either...or, neither...nor

We use **both...and** – together to emphasize two people or things	We use **either...or** together to emphasize that there is an alternative	We use **neither...nor** together to emphasize that two alternatives are not possible, likely or true
Both Ann and Jane like Maths.	You can have **either** a dog **or** a cat for your birthday.	Neither Ted **nor** Mark **likes** snakes. Neither Ted **nor** his friends **like** snakes.

I Underline the correct word.

1 ***Neither / Either*** Sarah nor her sisters are very tall.

2 I don't like ***either / neither*** football or rugby very much.

3 John Brick is ***both / either*** thoughtful and generous.

4 The shop assistant in the shop persuaded me to buy ***either/both*** the skirt and the jacket.

5 ***Neither / Either*** Bob nor Sam went to university.

6 Adult crocodiles are ***either / both*** strong and lively.

7You can have ***neither / either*** a cake or a doughnut, but not both!

II Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

1 We can either stay in nor go out.

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2 I spoke to both Ann or Sally.

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3 She neither apologized nor explained.

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4 Neither Joe or Tom came to the party.

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5 Nick was both tired and hungry when he arrived home.

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III Make up sentences, linking these ideas. Use both…and, either…or, neither…nor. *Example: Kate plays the violin. And she sings. Kate both plays the violin and sings.*



1 We can watch TV or we can play computer games now.
We can either _____

2 Alan couldn't read Chinese. And he couldn't write it.
Alan could neither _____

3 I didn't know Sam's address. My sister didn't know his address.
Neither I _____

4 My new flat is larger than my old flat. And it is closer to my office.
My new flat is both _____

5 Dan didn't meet Tom's sister. And he didn't meet Tom's brother.
He didn't meet either _____

6 It was a very boring lecture. It was very long too. The lecture _____

7 Jill is on holiday and so is her sister. Both _____

Write sentences with both … and … / neither … nor … / either … or …

1. *Chris was late. So was Pat.* *Both Chris and Pat were late.*
2. *He didn't say hello, and he didn't smile.* *He neither said hello nor smiled.*
3. It was a boring movie. It was long too.
The movie _____

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4. Joe doesn't have a car. Sam doesn't have one either.

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5. Emily speaks German and she speaks Russian too.

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6. Ben doesn't watch TV and he doesn't read newspapers.

Ben_____

7. Is that man's name Richard? Or is it Robert? It's one of the two.

That man's name_____

8. I don't have time to go on holiday. And I don't have the money.

I have_____

9. We can leave today or we can leave tomorrow – whichever you prefer.

We_____

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