

Complete 1–3 in the **GRAMMAR PANEL** with the words in the box.

negative positive singular

EITHER... OR/NEITHER... NOR

We use *either... or* and *neither... nor* to compare two different items.

We use *either... or* to mean “one or the other but not both.” It has a ⁽¹⁾ meaning:

We can visit either Shanghai or Beijing.

Neither... nor has a ⁽²⁾ meaning. It means “not the first one and not the second one”:

Neither the drugstore nor the supermarket had the medicine you wanted.

In formal English we use a ⁽³⁾ verb with *either/* *neither*, unless the second noun or both nouns are plural:

Neither Janna nor Harry is going to the conference.

NOT *are* going...

Neither my sister nor my parents know about this.

Either/neither go directly before the first of the two items being compared:

They are either owned by foreign companies or just make parts of other products.

Insert *either... or* or *neither... nor* in an appropriate position in sentences 1–5.

neither nor

1 In my country there are ~~A~~ beaches ~~A~~ mountains. It's flat and landlocked.

2 A lot of young people here are employed studying in college. It's a problem.

3 When they graduate, most young men have to spend a year in the army ~~do~~ community service.

4 There are many convention centers and reception halls in my town, so most people work in catering tourism.

5 Unfortunately, there's a swimming pool ~~a~~ soccer stadium in my hometown.

Complete the sentences with *either... or/**neither... nor*.

1 I **always** eat a good meal during the day, at **lunchtime** **in the evening**.

2 If I go out for a meal, I like to eat **Chinese** **Thai** food.

3 When I need to buy food, I go to **the market** to **the local stores near my house**.

4 I rarely **cook at home**. I find **cooking** **interesting** **enjoyable**.

Rewrite the phrases in bold so the sentences are true for you.