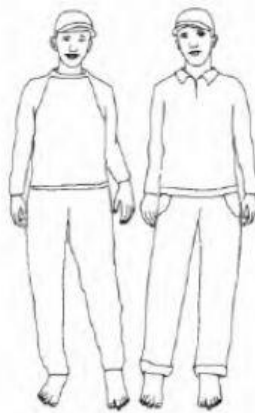


Link words

both ... and, either ... or, neither ... nor, not only ... but also, so ... that

In this unit you learn how to connect parts of sentences together.

Both ... and, neither ... nor



*Both Dan **and** Tony are wearing caps.
Neither Tony **nor** Dan have got shoes on.*

You can also use these phrases with adjectives to describe people or things.

*She was **both** intelligent **and** pretty.
The book was **neither** original **nor** interesting.*

You use **either ... or** when there is a choice.

*You can **either** have ice cream **or** fruit for dessert.
You can **either** buy it in a bookshop **or** online.*

You use **not only ... but also** to describe two important things about a person or thing.

*The chicken was **not only** cold **but** it **also** tasted strange.
He's **not only** a famous singer **but** he's **also** made five films.*

You can also use **so + adjective** or **adverb + that** as a way of describing people or things.

*The exam was **so** easy **that** I finished it in less than an hour.*

*She ran **so** quickly **that** I couldn't catch her.*

You can also use this phrase without **that**.

*The train was **so** slow, I was late for school.*

Exercise 1

Choose the correct word.

- 1 Every girl will get either a scarf **or** / **and** a box of chocolates.
- 2 Neither their family **and** / **nor** their friends knew they were married.
- 3 The club was not only small **but** / **or** also very dark.
- 4 They ran **such** / **so** fast that they fell over.
- 5 I decided to buy **both** / **neither** the red dress and the green one.
- 6 I was so angry with Adriana **nor** / **that** I couldn't speak.

Exercise 2

Put the correct word in each gap.

nor | and | not only | or | so | both

Vijay

Vijay is a great guy and ¹_____ his friends and his colleagues think he is fantastic. At work, he is ²_____ quick, but also very careful. In fact, he is ³_____ popular that when he got married, his colleagues wanted to buy him a really nice present.

Neither his best friend ⁴_____ his parents could suggest anything, so they decided to give him and his wife some money. Vijay said they would use it to buy either a sofa ⁵_____ some plants for their garden. He invited a lot of people to the wedding, and both his family ⁶_____ his friends had a great time.

Exercise 3

Which sentences are correct?

- 1 They stole not only my passport but also my money. ☐
- 2 The bag was so heavy that I could carry it. ☐
- 3 I would like to study either medicine and law. ☐
- 4 I was both upset and angry when I heard the news. ☐
- 5 Travel around my city is neither quick or easy. ☐
- 6 I think I will have either the fish or the pasta. ☐

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

- 1 You may take either an apple _____ a banana, but not both.
- 2 Both her parents _____ her teachers are worried about her.
- 3 Unfortunately, the hotel was _____ comfortable nor clean.
- 4 The wall was _____ high that we couldn't climb over it.
- 5 The path was not only steep _____ also dangerous.
- 6 Neither her friends _____ her family phoned her.

Exercise 5

Put each sentence into the correct order.

- 1 neither clever / nor funny / his behaviour / was / .

- 2 but / also delicious / the food was / only healthy / not / .

- 3 I was / I had / to go / to bed / so tired / .

- 4 the bike / both the car / and / were / stolen / .

- 5 either / scissors / or some / I need / a knife / .

- 6 to go home / we decided / was / the weather / so bad / .

Exercise 6

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The tourist guide was neither interesting
- 2 My parents gave me both a watch
- 3 My shoes were so uncomfortable
- 4 I lost not only my money
- 5 I usually travel either by bus
- 6 We understood neither the letter

- a nor helpful.
- b but also my camera.
- c nor the email.
- d I couldn't walk.
- e and a phone.
- f or by train.