

USE OF ENGLISH

2.6

so, too, neither/nor, not either

I can respond to news and opinion using so, too, not ... either and neither ... nor.

1 **1.32** Listen to dialogues 1–5 about sports and match them with photos A–E. Then answer the questions.

- 1 What was the final score in the match?
- 2 What are the players doing after the game?
- 3 What do the man and woman find surprising about this sport?
- 4 In which sports do women still get paid less than men?
- 5 What do the two friends both decide to join?

2 **1.32** Complete the exchanges with the correct auxiliary. Then listen again and check.

- 1 We had so many chances. → So _____ they!
- 2 I don't aim at your head. → Neither _____ !!
- 3 I find this really boring. → Really? I _____.
- 4 I can't think of any women drivers. → I _____ either.
- 5 I've never thought about it. → Nor _____ I.
- 6 He's one of the best players in the country.
→ So _____ Steph Houghton.
- 7 I couldn't do it. → No, neither _____ I.
- 8 I'd love to be able to run properly. → I _____ too.

3 Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Then match statements 1–6 with replies a–f.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

so, too, neither/nor, not either

- To say that something is the same or agree with a positive statement, use the following:
so + auxiliary/modal verb + subject or
subject + auxiliary/modal verb + too.
*He is one of the best players in the country. → So is Steph Houghton./Steph Houghton is **too**.*
*You serve so fast! → So do you./You do **too**.*
- To say something is the same or agree with a negative statement, use the following:
neither/nor + auxiliary/modal verb + subject or
subject + auxiliary/modal verb + either.
*I can't think of any women drivers. → Neither can I./I can't **either**.*
*We didn't score a single goal. → Nor did they./They didn't **either**.*
- To say something is different, or disagree with a statement, use the following:
*I find this really boring. → Really? I **don't**.*
*I never had the chance to do go-karting. → Oh, I **did**.*

- 1 Our neighbours do a lot of sport.
- 2 My mum can't stand watching football on TV.
- 3 I'd love to have a go in a Formula One car.
- 4 I've played for the school team several times.
- 5 My brother couldn't ride a bike until he was eight.
- 6 My best friend is going to take up running.

a So am I. c So have I. e Really? I wouldn't.
b I couldn't either. d Ours do too. f Nor can mine.

4 **SPEAKING** Take it in turns to read statements 1–6. Give your own replies.



Football



Tennis

5 USE OF ENGLISH Choose the correct response, A, B or C.

- 1 X:I must do more exercise. Y: _____
A Yes, I must too. B So do I.
C Really? I don't.
- 2 X:I've never been to a football match. Y: _____
A Nor do I. B Neither have I.
C I didn't either.
- 3 X:My parents are very sporty. Y: _____
A Really? Mine aren't. B Mine aren't either.
C Nor are mine.
- 4 X:My local sports centre hasn't got a sauna. Y: _____
A Mine hasn't either. B Oh, mine hasn't.
C Mine too.
- 5 X:We went swimming yesterday. Y: _____
A Oh, we did. B So we did.
C So did we.

6 Complete the sentences to make them true for you.

- 1 I'd like to ...
- 2 I'm interested in ...
- 3 I can't ...
- 4 I used to ...
- 5 I don't mind ...
- 6 I should ...

7 **SPEAKING** Take it in turns to listen to your partner's sentences and respond. How similar are you?

FOCUS VLOG 68 About sport

68 Watch the Focus Vlog. For the worksheet, go to page 119.