

109 too and so ... ; either and neither ...



1 too, so ...

We use *too* after a positive verb to agree with someone or to add information:

'I'm cold.' 'I am, *too*.'

'Sophie passed the exam!' 'Nat did, *too*.'

We can say the same thing with *so*, but *so* comes before the verb and the verb comes before the subject:

'I'm cold.' 'So *am I*.'

'We love skiing.' 'So *do we*.'

'He *went* to Greece.' 'So *did she*.'

'I've got an interview.' 'So *have I*.'

'I'd love to try that restaurant.' 'So *would I*.'



We always put the verb before the subject, and we don't repeat the main verb:

'I *passed* the exam!' ✗ 'So *did I pass*!' ✗ 'So *I passed*!' ✗ 'So *I did*!'

✓ 'So *did I*!'

2 either, neither ...

We use *either* after a negative verb to agree with someone or to add information:

'I'm not getting up yet.' 'I'm not *either*.'

'My mum doesn't like that programme.' 'My mum doesn't *either*.'

We can say the same thing with *neither*, but *neither* comes before a positive verb and the verb comes before the subject:

'I'm not getting up yet.' 'Neither *am I*.'

'I don't like this cold weather.' 'Neither *do I*.'

'She can't swim yet.' 'Neither *can he*.'

'We've never been to Egypt.' 'Neither *have we*.'

'I mustn't be late again.' 'Neither *must I*.'

3 Disagreeing with people

We can disagree or say that something is different with short answers like this:

POSITIVE

'This music's *too loud*!'

'I *like* spicy food.'

'No, it *isn't*!'

'Oh, I *don't*.'

NEGATIVE

'I *haven't finished* my homework yet.'

'Oh, I *have*.' (not *haven't*)

NATURAL ENGLISH

We often use *Oh* before we disagree. It sounds a little more polite:

'I *want to go* sightseeing today.' 'Oh, I *don't*. Let's go to the beach again.'

Practice

1 Choose the correct reply to each statement.

- 0 I can't believe that story.
- 1 Jade's cousin has been to Australia.
- 2 The sports centre is closed today.
- 3 We didn't really enjoy that meal.
- 4 My legs really hurt after that walk!
- 5 Our holiday was fantastic!
- 6 I didn't hear the news until this morning.

Neither do I. / Neither can I.
So has mine. / Neither has mine.
The pool is, too. / The pool is either.
Neither did we. / So did we.
Mine do either. / So do mine.
Neither was ours. / Ours was, too.
So did we. / Neither did we.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE The students want to be in the college band.

Look at the information and complete the conversations.

STUDENT	LIKES	DOESN'T LIKE	CAN	CANT
ELENA	classical music	jazz	sing	play an instrument
ANDREAS	jazz	classical music	play the violin	sing
BRIGITTE	jazz	classical music	sing	play an instrument
MAREK	popular and classical music	jazz	play the guitar	sing

0 LEADER OK, who can sing in your group?

ELENA Well, I can sing.

BRIGITTE So can I......

ANDREAS I can't......

MAREK Neither can I......

2 LEADER What kind of music do you like Brigitte?

BRIGITTE Well, I really like jazz.

ANDREAS

MAREK Oh, I don't.

ELENA

1 LEADER What about instruments?

ELENA I can't play an instrument.

BRIGITTE

ANDREAS

I can play

MAREK

I can play

3 LEADER Do you all like classical music?

ANDREAS Well, I don't really.

BRIGITTE

MAREK

ELENA

I love it!

3 Write sentences that are true for you.

0 I drink a lot of tea. I don't. I drink a lot of coffee......

00 I don't drink a lot of milk. Neither do I......

1 I live with my wife and children.

2 I don't like jazz.

3 I love driving fast.

4 I have blond hair.

5 I went out last night.

6 I can't play an instrument.