

BOTH... AND**EITHER ... OR****NEITHER ... NOR**

We use **BOTH...AND** to join the subjects of two different sentences in one sentence which has a **POSITIVE MEANING**. The verb of the sentence is always **PLURAL**.

Example: **Both Ann and Jane** like Maths.

Subjects: 1. Ann 2. Jane Verb: like (not likes)

Example: **Both the lions and the tigers** are wild animals.

Subjects: 1. Lions 2. tigers Verb: are



We use **NEITHER...NOR** to join the subjects of two different sentences in one sentence which has a **NEGATIVE MEANING**. The verb is always affirmative and agrees with the subject.

Example: **Neither Ted nor Mark** likes snakes.

Neither Ted nor his friends like snakes.

Neither Sheila nor Mary wants to travel abroad.

(NOT ~~Neither Sheila nor Mary don't want to travel abroad.~~)

We use **EITHER...OR** to refer to **any one of two things/ people**. It takes a singular or plural verb depending on the subject.

Example: **Either Tim or his parents** ARE going to Italy this year.

Either Mike or his friend IS going to Italy this year.

You can have **either** a dog **or** a cat for your birthday. (not both)

A- Write 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.
7. You can have (neither / either) a cake or a doughnut, but not both!



B- Rewrite the whole sentence correcting the mistakes.

- 1 We can either stay in nor go out.
- 2 I spoke to both Ann or Sally.
- 3 She neither apologized nor explained.
- 4 Neither Joe or Tom came to the party.
- 5 Nick was both tired or hungry when he arrived home.

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